

goal of TPIR is to produce clinicians and scientists who have the ability to translate their clinical observations and ideas for improving practice into practical and feasible research projects. Deadline is August 28, 2017. [Learn more.](#)



Grant Reviewers Wanted

- HHS/OMH is looking for Subject Matter Experts to serve as reviewers of applications submitted to its ECI competitive grant program. The ECI is intended to provide support for minority and/or disadvantaged communities disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic, childhood/adolescent obesity, or serious mental illness. If you are a professional with a well-documented history as a subject matter expert in the area(s) of opioid abuse; childhood/adolescent obesity; or serious mental illness, please register to become a grant reviewer and submit your CV by visiting the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) [Reviewer Recruitment Module](#).

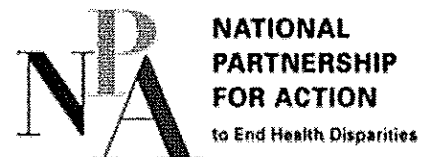
OMHRC at Local Conferences

- OMHRC will be at the [National Dental Association's 104th Annual Convention, July 20-23](#) in Dallas, TX. Come visit us at our booth!

American Indian/Alaska Native Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA): Mountain States Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC) Native American Cultural Competency webinar series. *Cultural Needs Assessment for Health Providers Working with Tribal Communities*. This webinar is part of an ongoing training series on the history of tribes and treaties, utilization of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services standards ([National CLAS Standards](#)) and cultural sensitivity when working with tribal communities, and the impact of cultural needs assessments. July 31, 2017, 11:00 am MT. [Register](#).



Black and African American Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, OMHRC and the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing: Webinar. *Heart Disease Risk Factors among African Immigrants Residing in the United States*. Join Dr. Yvonne Commodore-Mensah, Assistant Professor of Community-Public Health Nursing at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, for a discussion of current research on heart disease risk factors in African immigrants in the US, the role of acculturation on heart health, and clinical and public health strategies that might improve the heart health of African immigrants. August 11, 2017, 12:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- AEIMforward Tech Services and partner organizations: Call for abstracts for the 5th Annual United States Conference on African Immigrant and Refugee Health (USCAIH), *Advancing the Health of African Immigrants through Research, Advocacy and Community Engagement*. Event to be held in Washington, DC. Deadline is August 15, 2017. [Learn more](#).

Maternal & Child Health

Events

- National Institute for Children's Health Quality: Webinar series. *Expert Series on Addressing Infant Mortality*. This [six-part webinar series](#) is an opportunity for public health professionals to hear experts and influencers in the maternal and child health field share examples and best practices for supporting efforts to reduce infant mortality and improve maternal and infant health. The first webinar, *The Residual Impact of Historical Structural Inequities: Connecting Residential Segregation and Mortgage Discrimination to Current Infant Mortality and Breastfeeding Rates*, will be held July 27, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

Mental Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, NPA: Southeastern Health Equity Council (SHEC) Cultural Competency Resource Guide Spotlight webinar series. *Achieving Behavioral Health Equity in Criminal Justice System Reform Using a Cultural Competency Lens*. This webinar will discuss the over-representation of individuals with serious mental illness in the criminal justice system; the myriad economic, social, and cultural factors contributing to this reality; and program, practice and policy strategies that may prevent criminal justice involvement and strengthen community-based treatment and care. July 25, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- Pinellas County Urban League and the USFSP Infant Family Center: Minority Mental Health Awareness forum. *The Well: Sources of Health & Healing in Our Village*. Join Dr. Marva L. Lewis, PhD, Founder & Director of the Center for Natural Connections and Associate Professor at Tulane University School of Social Work in New Orleans, for a dynamic panel

discussion that will highlight the perspectives of: clergy, physicians, clinicians, community members, policy makers/politicians, and funders regarding high quality, culturally responsive mental health services. **July 26, 2017**, 9:00 am ET at St Petersburg College in St Petersburg, FL. [Register](#) | **July 28, 2017**, 9:00 am ET at the Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St Petersburg, FL. [Register](#).

Opportunities for Public Comments

- US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF): Call for comments on the Draft Research Plan for Hepatitis B Virus Infection in Pregnant Women: Screening. Deadline is August 9, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP): Call for written comments on the proposed framework for Healthy People 2030 developed by the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030. Deadline is September 29, 2017. [Learn more](#).

Social Determinants of Health

Events

- Good Shepherd Mediation Program: Conflict resolution workshop. *Children of Incarcerated and Returning Parents* (CHIRP). This program offers youth with a parent who is incarcerated or returning from prison an opportunity to deepen their emotional awareness and their ability to manage conflict more effectively. Separate workshops will be arranged for children ages 9-12 and 13-17. The next workshop will be held July 24-26, 2017, 9:00 am ET in Philadelphia, PA. [Learn more](#).

Resources

- HHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): New bilingual resource/Nuevo recurso bilingüe. *Motor Vehicle Safety/Seguridad vial*. This online resource offers information in English and Spanish on several motor vehicle safety topics such as seat belts, adolescent and elderly drivers, driving under the influence, distracted driving, and others. [English](#) | [Español](#).

Workforce Development

Events

- US Federal Trade Commission (FTC): Roundtable workshop. *Streamlining Licensing Across State Lines: Initiatives to Enhance Occupational License Portability*. License portability restrictions often prevent otherwise qualified people from making their services available across state lines or when they move to a new state. This public event will support

the Task Force's consideration of how occupational licensing reform could reduce barriers to entry, enhance competition, and promote economic opportunity. July 27, 2017, 2:00 pm ET in Washington, DC. [Learn more](#).

- HHS/HRSA, Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW), Division of Nursing and Public Health (DNPH): Registration now open for the *2017 HRSA Behavioral Health Workforce Virtual Conference*. This free conference aims to showcase innovative academic and training approaches used by behavioral health grantees to expand the distribution of a skilled workforce focused on underserved populations and communities in need. September 13, 2017, 11:00 am ET. [Register](#).

Job Opportunities

OMHRC

- AMTIS is recruiting for a FT Communications Manager position within the Office of Minority Health Resource Center in Landover, MD. Open until filled. [Apply](#).

@ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In support of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, we are highlighting *The Massachusetts General Hospital Textbook on Diversity and Cultural Sensitivity in Mental Health*, edited by Ranna Parekh. This publication is a vital resource for health professionals working with minority and under-represented populations. It includes extensive information on cultural diversity training for health care providers, and provides clinical interviewing techniques and effective strategies for working with a diverse patient base.
- To view this title and find additional information, [search our online catalog](#).



Resources

- HHS/Administration for Community Living (ACL), with funding from the Office on Women's Health (OWH): New database. *Oral Health Website*. ACL has compiled nearly 200 community-based oral health programs and an [Oral Health Guide](#) to promote low-cost, community-based oral health programs for older adults. Use these resources to start or enhance an oral health program in your community. [Learn more](#).

@ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In observance of National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, we are highlighting *Mental Disorders and Disabilities Among Low-Income Children*, a publication of the National Academies Press. This report compares national trends for the number of children with mental health and behavior disorders with the trends in the number of children receiving benefits from the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. This comparison describes possible factors that may contribute to any differences between the two groups. In addition, an overview of the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders, the influence of racial and socioeconomic factors, and levels of impairment in the U.S. population under age 18 are included for further analysis. The full text book is available to read online.
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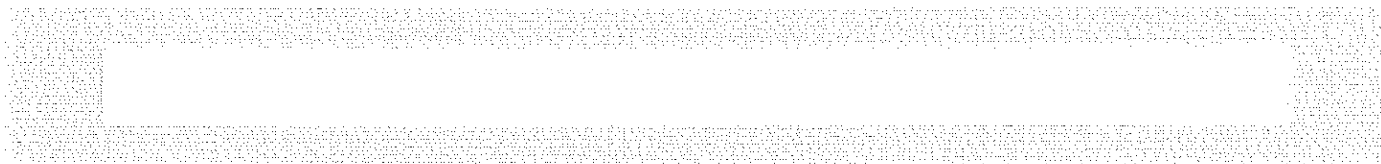
Latino Affairs
Commission

Health Care Access in Ohio's Hispanic Community

Each year the Latino Affairs Commission compiles reports on topics relating to Ohio's Hispanic community. Our reports are designed to educate and facilitate discussion on particular matters relating to the Latino community.

We are pleased to present you with our most recent Latino Community Report, which investigates the barriers and opportunities related to health care access for Latinos in Ohio. A critique on mental health service accessibility is provided, as well as opportunities to increase impact.

Please [click here](#) to view the Latino Community Report. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please [email us](#). We hope to see you at the annual Latino Health Summit this Friday!



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An Overview of Health Care Access in Ohio's Hispanic Community



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LPCA Annual Conference - Call for Speaker Abstracts

LOUISIANA PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 10-13, 2017 | LAKE CHARLES, LA

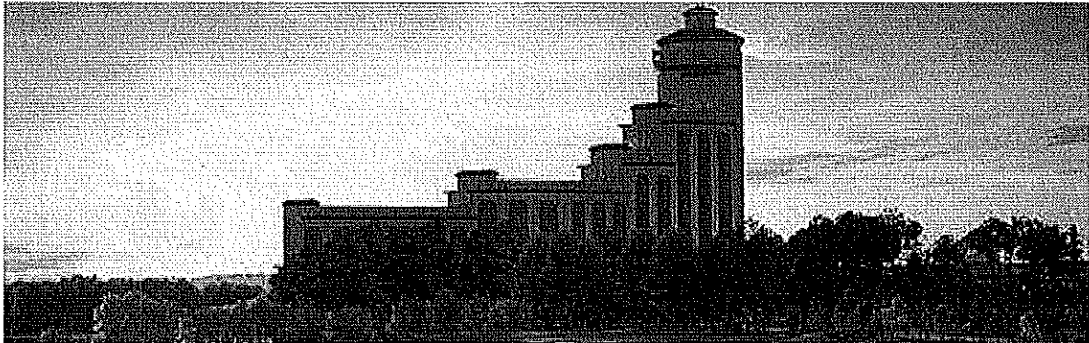
The Louisiana Primary Care Association is currently accepting speaker abstract proposals for our 2017 Annual Conference!

When: October 10-13, 2017

Where: L'Auberge Casino Resort, Lake Charles, LA

This annual event gathers health center clinicians, administrators, CEOs, board members, and partners from across the healthcare spectrum to discuss issues relevant to community health centers and the patients they serve.

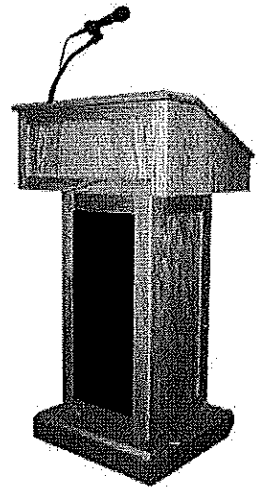
Our theme is "FQHCs: Models of Excellence in Health Care." We will also be celebrating 35 years of serving Louisiana's Community Health Centers! This year's conference will be **BIGGER** and **BETTER** than ever!



[Click here to submit a speaker abstract!](#)

Presentations should reflect a current health care model that aligns with the following categories:

- Medical, Dental or Behavioral Health
- Quality, Transformation, and Risk Management
- Administrative Policies and Practices
- Outreach and Enrollment
- Human Resources
- Finance and Billing
- Legislative and Policy
- Customer Service
- Marketing and Public Relations



We encourage you to view suggested conference topics.

Please submit proposals in areas/topics for which you are passionate and have demonstrated expertise that align with this year's theme. Proposed topics must be as specific as possible. Each submission should concentrate on a single topic for presentation.

Multiple submissions from the same applicant are allowed. A concurrent session is 60 minutes in length (50-minute lecture and 10-minute question & answer session). Presenters will receive complimentary registration, lodging and meals.

All abstracts must be received by Friday, July 14, 2017 to be considered for inclusion in the 2017 agenda. Speakers will be notified of their acceptance by Friday, July 28, 2017.

Questions may be referred to LPCA Director of Clinical Quality, Shannon Robertson at srobertson@lpca.net or www.lpca.net for more information.



Funding Opportunity Announcement

State Systems Development Initiative Grant Program – Tier 1 (Jurisdictions) **(HRSA-18-061)**

01/18/2017 12:00 AM EST

Apply By: Tue, 5 Sep 2017

State Systems Development Initiative Grant Program – Tier 2 (States and DC) **(HRSA-18-062)**

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Service Area Competition (HRSA-18-021)

06/15/2016 12:00 AM EDT

Apply By: Mon, 21 Aug 2017

Service Area Competition (HRSA-18-023)

06/15/2016 12:00 AM EDT

Apply By: Mon, 11 Sep 2017

BUCKEYE HEALTH PLAN TO SPONSOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TENT AT 2017 OHIO STATE FAIR

Buckeye Health Plan is proud to once again sponsor our Community Partners Tent at the 2017 Ohio State Fair in Columbus! Please plan to stop by and say hello!

Each day of the state fair, the tent will give 4 different respected partner agencies (a total of 48 organizations over the 12 days of the fair) a chance to showcase and exhibit their unique and vital community services to thousands of fair visitors – compliments of **Buckeye Health Plan**.

This year's lineup has been organized to correspond with the Fair's pre-selected theme days. The 2017 Ohio State Fair begins on Wednesday, July 26th and ends on Sunday, August 6th.

Listed below is the schedule for the Community Partners Tent, which is located just south of the Taste of Ohio Pavilion (the round building) near the midway at the Fairgrounds.

See everyone at the fair!



Ohio State Fair – Community Partners Tent

Schedule of Organizations Attending

Wednesday, July 26th

Charitable Services Day

- March of Dimes, Kevin Dooley, Columbus
- National Kidney Foundation, Antoinette Greene, Columbus
- American Cancer Society, Leigh Anne Hehr, Dublin
- Ohio Breast & Cervical Cancer Project, Sue Jacks, Newark

Thursday, July 27th

Services for Families Day

- Salvation Army of Columbus, Kristin Harmon, Columbus
- American Red Cross of Central Ohio, Iris Martinez Juergens, Columbus
- Ohio United Way, Timothy Roe, Columbus
- Greater Cincinnati Community Action Agency, Lamont Taylor, Cincinnati

Friday, July 28th

Community Action Day

- Impact Community Action Agency of Franklin County, Carmen Allen, Columbus
- Bridge Community Action Agency of Delaware, Madison, Shelby & Union Counties, Shelley Harmon and Lynda Lukey
- Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, Dontavius Jarrells, Columbus
- Family & Community Services/Valley Counseling of Trumbull Co., Anthonette Blake

Saturday, July 29th

Local Healthcare/Medical Clinics Day

- FACES at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Wynette Collins/Cory D'Ambrosio, Columbus
- BC4Teens at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Sarah Saxbe, Columbus
- Community Health Centers of Dayton, Shanise Wade, Dayton
- PrimaryOne Health, Yolanda Owens, Columbus
- Moms2B at OSU Wexner Medical Center, Carmen Clutter, Columbus

Sunday, July 30th

Buckeye Health Plan Day

- Buckeye Health Plan, Christopher Beers, 330-631-5965, cbeers@centene.com
- USMM/Visiting Physicians, Jennifer Slabinski and Kelly Stewart, Cincinnati
- Columbus Division of Fire, City of Columbus, Trina Cain and Jaime Sierra, Columbus
- City of Columbus Recreation & Parks Department, Greg Winbush, Columbus

Monday, July 31st

Services for Children Day

- National Youth Advocate Program, Ruby Gamble, Cleveland, and Lance Livi, Columbus
- Action for Children of Columbus, Sarah Pontious, Columbus
- Child Development Council of Franklin County, Anita Davis, Columbus
- Early Childhood Resource Network of Central Ohio/YMCA Head Start, Samantha Stewart and Chudney Williams, Columbus

Tuesday, August 1st

Services for Senior Citizens Day

- Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Jane Acri and John Lamotte, Columbus
- Ohio Coalition of Adult Protective Services, Susan Marshall and Jamye Richards, Columbus
- Alzheimer's Association, Central Ohio Chapter, Caitlin Purk, Columbus
- Access to Independence, Vince Pelose, Ravenna

Wednesday, August 2nd

Disability Services Day

- The Center for Disability Empowerment, Shari Veleba, Columbus
- The Mentor Network (Ohio Mentor), Jessica Schmieler, Cleveland
- Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY), Tiffany Bailey, Dayton
- Community Assessment & Treatment Services, Robert Newman, Cleveland

Thursday, August 3rd

Minority Health Day

- Ohio Commission on Minority Health, Angela Dawson, Columbus
- Columbus Urban League, Tiffany Dailey, Columbus
- National Association of Social Workers, Gregory Stewart, Cincinnati
- Resolute Group, Certified Navigators, Marjorie Moseley, Dayton

Friday, August 4th

Community Services Day

- Volunteers of America, John Hill and Arica Morgan, Columbus
- Franklin County Department of Job & Family Services, LeeAnn Whaley, Columbus
- Buckeye Ranch, Tanithia Freeman, Columbus
- The Bair Foundation Child & Family Ministries, Adrienne Willis, Columbus

Saturday, August 5th

Drug/Alcohol Treatment Prevention Services Day

- Amethyst Inc., Valerie Coleman, Columbus
- ORCA House Inc., Rochena Crosby, Cleveland
- Northern Ohio Recovery Association, Cathy Davis, Cleveland
- Reeb Avenue Center, Ruth Bell, Columbus

Sunday, August 6th

Job/Employment Services-Economic Development Day

- Red Treehouse (Ronald McDonald House), Jeanine Carroll, Cleveland
- Dress for Success Columbus, Bridgett McKinnon, Columbus
- Pyramid Community Development Corp, Linda Nelson, Columbus
- USO of Central and Southern Ohio, Jackie Spector, Columbus

Ohio Department of Health Job Opportunities

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1205 BROADWAY
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FOR MORE INFO, SPONSORSHIP OR VENDOR SPACE CONTACT:
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BARRIO LATINO ART FESTIVAL

Dear Friend,

The 6th Barrio Latino Art Festival celebrates diversity, innovation, and creative achievement--is being planned for Aug. 13, 2017 at 1205 Broadway St (corner of Broadway St and Western St), Toledo, OH 43609, from 12 Noon to 9:00 pm. Barrio Latino Arts Festival, will promote tourism, culture heritage, and the arts in a bold and innovative way. Our mission is to support artists, promote artistic expression, create funds for local charitable organizations, and bring visitors and neighbors together to share in the spirit of the arts in our community. Proceeds from this festival go towards supporting two area nonprofit organizations: (1) NUESTRA GENTE Community Projects, Inc., (2) THE PROVIDENCE CENTER. . We recognize the positive effect creative activity has on individuals: providing enjoyment, enlivening spaces, and enriching lives. The festival also makes a practical contribution in terms of sustainability, providing employment, encouraging learning, and inspiring people to adopt active lifestyles. The festival includes live music; folk dancing performances; artisans and crafters with handmade products such as scarves, blankets, cosmetics, and jewelry; a car show; and art kid's activities including a drawing table, face painting, recognition award to an artist, artwork on display, mural painting, crafts, car show, jalapeño contest, and many other special performances and forms of entertainment. Authentic Hispanic food prepared by cooks from the community is one of our biggest attractions. The festival is set in the heart of an urban neighborhood in South Toledo and attracts a very diverse crowd. And, of course, there are offerings for all age groups. The event will be held on the street in open areas with full access for people with disabilities and is easily accessible from public bus routes. We want to increase the attractiveness of the area to tourists, businesses, people and investments through the festival. People (tourists/visitors) spend money on attending the arts and on local businesses. Further, local spending by these arts venues and patronized businesses has indirect multiplier effects.

The Barrio Latino Art Festival brings people and organizations together to celebrate the diversity within the Hispanic heritage and culture. The program will balance community participation with excellence by offering events of both a local and international flavor. Admission is free.

This is a chance to give back to the community and give at-risk youth life-changing opportunities through the arts. Supporting us helps us show our kids another way of life.

We would be grateful if you could support our community Arts Festival. More than 900 volunteers and spectators were in attendance last year, and the event was covered by the local newspapers and television stations. We are anxiously looking forward to even greater success at this year's event and our teens are running much of the programming. If you support us, we will include you in all marketing materials, to our website and plan on recognizing your organization at our event.

Below are the details concerning this year's sponsorship levels:

Elite Sponsorship options:



\$1,500 PLATINUM Full page (5 x 7 ½) ad on the front inside page of program book, logo on the poster, sponsor name promoted during the festival, on posters, La Prensa newspaper, information booth space;



\$1,300 GOLD Full page (5 x 7 ½) ad on the back cover page of program book, logo on the poster, sponsor name promoted during the festival, on posters, La Prensa newspaper, information booth space;



\$1,200 SILVER: Half page (5 x 3 ¾) on the back inside page of program book, logo on the poster, sponsor name promoted during the festival, La Prensa newspaper and information booth space;



\$1,150 BRONZE: Half page (5 x 3 ¾) ad inside program book, logo on the poster, sponsor name promoted during the festival, La Prensa newspaper and information booth space.



\$950 – 2 ½ x 3 ¾ quarter page ad;



\$100 - 2 ½ x 1 ¾ business card;



\$80 for 2-4 lines in the festival program book.

If your organization would like to participate in this year's event as a sponsor, please contact me or simply make check payable to: **Barrio Latino Arts Festival** and mail your payment to: **P.O. Box 140661, Toledo, Ohio 43614**. Deadline for sponsorship/ads is July 28, 2017.

Your contributions to this event are tax deductible as allowed by State and Federal laws.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Gracias!

Linda Parra
Founder/President
Barrio Latino Arts Festival
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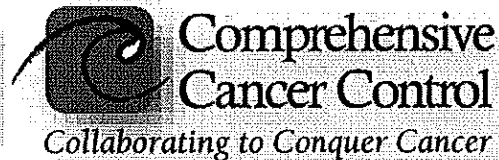
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This posting period begins July 12, 2017. Please note that the deadline for submission of applications may vary by position.

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2	HCFS-RN (Fall 2017 Class)	Health Care Facilities Surveyor - Entry (LTC), RN	Columbus	RLH
3	HCFS-RN Southwest ((Fall 2017 Class)	Health Care Facilities Surveyor - Entry (LTC), RN Southwest	Columbus	RLH
4	HCFS-SW (Fall 2017 Class)	Health Care Facilities Surveyor - Entry (LTC), Licensed Social Worker	Columbus	RLH
5	20013591	Infectious Disease Control Consultant	Columbus	MSS
6	20013600	Physician Administrator 2	Columbus	KPK
7	20013658	Epidemiology Investigator 3	Columbus	MSS
8	20014375	Software Development Specialist 3	Columbus	GDH
9	20014393	Software Development Specialist 2	Columbus	GDH
10	20014401	Software Development Specialist 3	Columbus	GDH
11	20014526	Physician Administrator 3 (State Medical Director)	Columbus	KPK
12	20014855	Administrative Professional 4	Columbus	GDH

Click here to view the job opportunities
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Cancer and Related News
Week of July 17, 2017



Research/Tools/Announcements



Eleven State Teams Develop Colorectal Cancer Screening Plans at 80% by 2018 Forum II

CDC hosted the second 80% by 2018 Forum: *Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates Through Enhanced Partnerships between Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalitions and Federally Qualified Health Centers* on July 18-19 in Atlanta GA.



Nearly 100 participants, presenters, trainers, facilitators, and subject matter experts attended this 1 ½ day training.

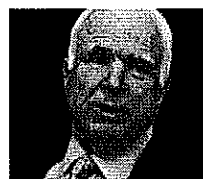
Eleven teams were selected; Idaho, Missouri, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island.

State teams created action plans focusing on evidence-based strategies such as building and sustaining partner/stakeholders (local roundtables, coalition workgroups), enhancing patient navigation

systems, provider feedback and assessment, and a number of communication strategies.

Follow-up technical assistance will be provided to help teams finalize and implement their action plans. The 80% by 2018 Forum III will be held September 6-7 with another group of 11 state teams. The Forums are a collaboration with CDC, National Cancer Institute, American Cancer Society, Health Resources and Services Administration, National Association of Community Health Centers, National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors.

For more information on the 80% by 2018 initiative, go to: <http://ncct.org/tools/80-percent-by-2018/>



Senator John McCain Diagnosed with Brain Cancer

Senator John McCain has been diagnosed with the aggressive brain cancer glioblastoma. Last week, he underwent surgery to remove a blood clot above his left eye. A subsequent pathology report of that tissue found that it was cancerous.

"The Senator and his family are reviewing further treatment options with his Mayo Clinic care team," his office said in a written statement.

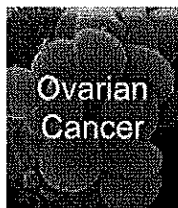
Glioblastoma is the most common form of brain cancer, making up 16 percent of all brain malignancies. It is rare, striking some three people out of 100,000 in the U.S. McCain has had multiple cases of melanoma, a skin cancer, that have been removed surgically according to health records he made public during his 2008 presidential bid. However McCain's glioblastoma is a primary tumor, doctors said in the note issued by his office, meaning that it arose independently of those previous bouts of cancer.

New Fact Sheet on U.S. Cancer Statistics Available

A new [fact sheet \(PDF\)](#) on the United States Cancer Statistics has been posted along with the release of the 1999-2014 data set. Information on the sheet includes an overview of the most recent data and the new [Data Visualizations tool](#), which shows the data in graph and chart formats.

Webinars

- Thursday, July 27 1:00 pm ET
The Links of Care Update webinar on Thursday, July 27 at 1:00 pm ET will feature an overview of the Links of Care pilot projects, which engage medical communities in helping uninsured and underinsured people get colorectal cancer screening.
- Tuesday, August 3 3:00 pm ET
During "Reducing Breast Cancer Disparities at the State Level: Successes and Lessons Learned from the ASTHO Breast Cancer Learning Community," teams from three states will present lessons learned in addressing racial disparities in breast cancer. DCPC partnered with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials to sponsor the event. Register here.
- Wednesday, September 20 12:00 pm ET
Young and Strong Webcast Series will feature "Integrative Therapies and Breast Cancer." Jennifer Ligibel MD Will review therapies including acupuncture, message, Reiki, meditation, as well as exercise and nutrition consultation.
Online registration is now open, register at <https://tinyurl.com/ybr2vms6>
- **Replay of NCCRT Webinar** – "How to Evaluate Activities to Increase CRC Screening and Awareness: Evaluation Toolkit"
In case you missed it, access a replay of the June 27 webinar on our updated How to Evaluate Activities to Increase CRC Screening and Awareness: Evaluation Toolkit here: <https://youtu.be/7uoWg1rl xM>
As a reminder, all NCCRT webinars are archived and can be accessed here.



USPSTF Stays Course on Ovarian Cancer Screening

Reprinted from *MedPage Today*, July 18, 2017

Clinicians should not screen for ovarian cancer in women who have no signs or symptoms of the disease, according to a draft recommendation from the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

The Grade D recommendation, available for public comment until Aug. 14, reaffirms a 2012 USPSTF recommendation against ovarian cancer screening for asymptomatic women.

The recommendation does not apply to women who are known carriers of *BRCA1/2* mutations, which increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer.

No major medical organization recommends screening the general population of women for ovarian cancer, USPSTF officials said in a statement.

"The task force found that screening women without signs or symptoms for ovarian cancer does not decrease the number of deaths from the disease and may lead to unnecessary surgeries," said task force member Maureen Phipps, MD, of Brown University in Providence, R.I.

"The current screening tests do not do a good job identifying whether a woman does or does not have ovarian cancer," added USPSTF chair David Grossman, MD, of Group Health and the University of Washington in Seattle.

"The Task Force hopes that in the future, better screening tests for ovarian cancer will be developed."

The draft recommendation and the evidence review supporting the recommendation have been posted to the USPSTF website.

Individuals or groups may submit public comments about either document through the website.

Following the public comment period, the USPSTF will review the comments and make revisions, if any are deemed necessary, before releasing a final recommendation, which will be posted to the task force website and published in a major medical journal.

Cancer Prevention and Control

Click on links below to access latest media releases:

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- 7/19/17 [Why do BRCA1 mutations cause predominantly breast and ovarian cancer?](#)
- 7/18/17 [FDA approves new treatment to reduce the risk of breast cancer returning](#)

Prostate Cancer

- 7/18/17 [Little Evidence That Vasectomy Raises Prostate Cancer Risk](#)

Survivorship

- 7/19/17 [Social interaction affects cancer patients' response to treatment](#)

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- 7/19/17 [Discovery could lead to better results for patients undergoing radiation](#)
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- 7/19/17 [What makes cancer gene therapy so groundbreaking?](#)
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The Ohio Commission on Minority Health announces round five of availability of funds for fiscal years 2018/2019 to newly certified HUB expansion grants. This is a competitive-bid process. This funding will allow for the expansion of newly certified pathways community HUBs to address infant mortality.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the RFP.

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Ohio Health Policy News

08/04/2017

HPIO online seminar to explore latest developments in federal health reform

Although the Senate failed to repeal or replace the ACA last week, the future of federal health policy remains unclear. So what comes next in terms of health reform.

Given the uncertainty surrounding federal health policy, HPIO is hosting **a series of online seminars** where state and national experts will provide analysis of the latest developments in Washington and explain what they could mean for Ohio.

The second of these three online seminars is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday Aug. 24, featuring Robert Laszewski, President, Health Policy and Strategy Associates, Inc. and author of the **Health Care Policy and Marketplace Review**. Laszewski is an influential national expert on the healthcare market. His writing has appeared in Forbes, Kaiser Health News and other national publications. In addition, his consulting clients include health insurance companies, casualty insurance companies, HMOs, Blue Cross organizations, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies and physician groups.

Governors urge Trump to keep ACA cost-sharing subsidies

Democratic and Republican governors on Wednesday urged the Trump administration, as well as Congress, to continue funding payments to health insurance companies that make Obamacare plans affordable, calling it critical to stabilizing the insurance marketplace (Source: **"U.S. governors urge Trump to make insurance payments,"** Reuters, Aug. 2, 2017)

Republican President Donald Trump, frustrated that Obamacare survived attempts to repeal it, has threatened to cut off about \$8 billion in subsidies that help control costs for low-income Americans under the Affordable Care Act.

"The Administration has the opportunity to stabilize the health insurance market across our nation and ensure that our residents can continue to access affordable health care coverage," said a statement by the Health and Human Services Committee of the National Governors Association.

Some Congressional Republicans have joined Democrats in urging Trump to continue the payments. Republican Senator Lamar Alexander, chairman of the health committee, said Tuesday the president should pay the subsidies through September while lawmakers work on bipartisan legislation to fund the outlays for another year.

But the Senate's No. 2 Republican John Cornyn hesitated when asked Wednesday if he would support such legislation. "I've said before that I'm not in favor of throwing money at insurance companies without reform, so that's going to be the nature of the conversation," Cornyn told reporters outside his office.

ODI: 19 Ohio counties regain ACA marketplace plans

Officials with the Ohio Department of Insurance announced this week that they have worked with five health care insurers to cover 19 Ohio counties that otherwise wouldn't have had a health insurance option on the federal health care exchange next year (Source: **"Health care in Ohio: 19 counties to again have insurance option,"** Associated Press via the Lorain Morning Journal, July 31, 2017).

ODI joined Buckeye Health Plan, CareSource, Medical Mutual of Ohio, Molina Health Care of Ohio and Paramount Health Care in the announcement Monday.

Two major insurers had announced earlier this year that they would leave the exchange in 2018, leaving Ohioans in 20 counties without an option on the exchange. The department's statement says it's

working to restore coverage in the 20th county, Paulding, before late September.

The 19 counties are: Coshocton, Crawford, Guernsey, Hancock, Harrison, Hocking, Holmes, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Logan, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Van Wert, Vinton, Williams and Wyandot.

Ohio gets low score for cancer policies

Ohio has failed a recent evaluation by the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network, meeting just three of the network's nine public policy goals aimed at reducing cancer diagnoses and deaths (Source: "**Ohio fails on cancer-control policies, study finds**," Columbus Dispatch, Aug. 3, 2017)

The state was highly criticized in three areas: for not prohibiting minors from using tanning beds; for allocating just 10.3 percent of the federal government's recommended funding level for tobacco-control programs; and for appropriating less than one-third of matching funds to a federal award for breast and cervical cancer screening programs.

The report, released Thursday, focuses on tobacco cessation, access to care and quality-of-life issues, said Jeff Stephens, the network's government relations director.

"Ohio is just sort of average," Stephens said. "We've missed some big opportunities in the last handful of years, particularly in the past two biennial budgets, with really attacking the issues around tobacco control."

On the plus side, Ohio was singled out for being one of just four states that protect the most residents from secondhand smoke and one of just nine states that provide the most comprehensive tobacco cessation coverage through Medicaid. Ohio also was mentioned for being among the states that expanded Medicaid coverage to include families earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (\$12,060 a year for the first person in a family, and \$4,180 for each additional person).

Public Notice

Announcement - PASSPORT Waiver Public Comment Period

This is to inform you that the State of Ohio is offering the opportunity to comment on the PASSPORT waiver amendment being proposed to remove the Shared Living Service from the waiver. The comment period begins July 24, 2017 and ends on August 24, 2017. The link to the waiver document can be found at: <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/PublicNotices/RemoveSharedLivingService.aspx>

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2017 Infant Mortality Conference

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Brief Conference Summary

Theme: *EveryOne Should Turn One Infant Mortality Conference*

Conference Goals: To inform the community about infant mortality; and build up and strengthen collective action to enact policies and take action to address factors that contribute to infant mortality at the systems, community/environment, and grassroots levels

Location: **Dayton Convention Center**

Dates: **September 22-23, 2017**

Executive Summary

September Infant Mortality Conference

The Dayton & Montgomery County Infant Mortality Task Force Team is engaged in a community awareness campaign to increase awareness - at the policy/systems, community/environment, and grassroots/affected population level - of all aspects of infant mortality, including contributing factors, the disparity gap, prevention strategies, and ways to work collaboratively to improve the health outcome.

In September, a conference is being planned by a collaborative team of many partners from diverse sectors. The conference will be supported by the Dayton & Montgomery County Infant Mortality Task Force Team, OEI/MCH team, PHDMC staff, the planning team and other partners, and community volunteers.

The goal of the conference is to inform the community about infant mortality, and build up and strengthen collective action to enact policies, and take action to address infant mortality at the systems, community/environment, and grassroots levels, to address contributing factors.

Thursday evening will be invitation only with partners at the systems-level, including city, county, state and federal government, health, social services, academic, civic, and other leaders. The lead is Terra Williams.

Friday will be designed for stakeholders, i.e., clinical providers, academicians, and other professionals, with CEs/contact hours offered to nurses. The co-leads are Maleka Embry and Cheryl Scroggins.

Saturday will be designed for the grassroots community and providers serving particularly target populations. The co-leads are Maleka Embry and Cheryl Scroggins.

Ohio Health Policy News

07/28/2017

U.S. Senate votes down ACA repeal plan

The U.S. Senate in the early hours of Friday morning rejected a new, scaled-down Republican plan to repeal parts of the Affordable Care

Act, derailing the Republicans' seven-year campaign to dismantle President Barack Obama's signature health care law (Source: **"Senate Rejects Slimmed-Down Obamacare Repeal as McCain Votes No,"** New York Times, July 27, 2017).

Republican senators Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and John McCain of Arizona joined all 48 Democratic senators in opposing the bill.

The "skinny repeal" bill, as it became known at the Capitol this week, would have increased the number of people who are uninsured by 15 million next year compared with current law, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. Premiums for people buying insurance on their own would have increased roughly 20 percent, the budget office said.

The new, eight-page Senate bill, called the Health Care Freedom Act, was unveiled just hours before the vote. It would have ended the requirement that most people have health coverage, known as the individual mandate. But it would not have put in place other incentives for people to obtain coverage — a situation that insurers say would leave them with a pool of sicker, costlier customers. It would also have ended the requirement that large employers offer coverage to their workers.

With so many senators in both parties railing against the fast-track procedures that Republican leaders used, a return to health care seemed certain to go through the committees, where bipartisanship and deliberation are more likely.

Feds unveil plans for uncompensated-care fund cuts

Starting this October, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services could begin cutting billions in federal funds meant to help hospitals with uncompensated-care costs (Source: **"Billions in federal uncompensated-care funds to be cut starting in October,"** Modern Healthcare, July 27, 2017).

The Affordable Care Act mandated that Medicaid disproportionate-share hospital funds be cut by \$43 billion between fiscal 2018 and 2025. During negotiations over the ACA, hospital lobby groups acquiesced to the cuts under the assumption that expanded coverage

from the healthcare reform law would reduce the need for the funding.

Congress delayed the cuts, which were supposed to start in 2014, after hospitals complained that increased patient traffic wasn't outpacing uncompensated-care costs. The most recent extension expires Sept. 30.

The agency announced its plans in a **proposed rulemaking Thursday**. The cuts build year over year, starting at \$2 billion in fiscal 2018, before making its way to \$8 billion by fiscal 2025.

Ohio healthcare transparency law in legal limbo

Two years after it passed unanimously in Ohio's state Legislature, a law meant to inform patients what health care procedures will cost has yet to be implemented (Source: "**Health-care price transparency faces opposition in Ohio from hospitals and doctors**," Kaiser Health News via Cincinnati Enquirer, July 23, 2017).

One of the most stringent in a group of similar state laws being proposed across the country, Ohio's Healthcare Price Transparency Law stipulated that providers had to give patients a "good faith" estimate of what non-emergency services would cost individuals after insurance before they commenced treatment.

But the law didn't go into force on Jan. 1 as scheduled. The Ohio Hospital Association, one of the most vocal critics of the law, has filed a court injunction that is currently delaying enactment.

Joining the hospital association in its legal action are a wide range of provider groups including Ohio State Medical Association, the Ohio Psychological Association, the Ohio Physical Therapy Association, and the Ohio chapters of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Surgeons, and the American Osteopathic Association. These groups say that the law, which applies only to elective procedures, is too broad and that forcing providers to create estimates before procedures would slow down patient care.

But Jerry Friedman, a retired health policy adviser for the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, said the opposition doesn't stem

from genuine concern about patients but from a desire to keep the secret rates that providers have negotiated with insurers under wraps. Transparency would mean explaining to consumers why the hospital charged them \$1,000 for a test, he said, adding that providers = 3don't want to expose this house of cards they've built between hospital physician industry and the insurance industry."

Rep. Jim Butler, an Oakwood Republican who authored the law, said, "If you really want patients to be empowered, they really need the information."

The law's next test will come in August, when the first court hearing on the association's lawsuit is scheduled. The Kasich administration said it couldn't comment on the law because of the pending litigation.

State OKs additional \$6 million for medical marijuana set up

The State Controlling Board, a legislative panel that oversees state expenditures, on Monday approved an additional \$6 million to pay for startup expenses for the Ohio Medical Marijuana Program (Source: "**Medical marijuana set-up costing Ohio taxpayers \$6 million more**," Columbus Dispatch, July 25, 2017).

In separate votes, the board approved an additional \$1.6 million for the Ohio Board of Pharmacy and \$4.4 million for the Ohio Commerce Department. Both agencies are involved in setting up the new program to permit the sale of medical marijuana to qualifying patients by September 2018.

The money earmarked for the Board of Pharmacy will be used to hire a consultant to create a scoring system to approve marijuana dispensary licenses, pay for a toll-free hotline and cover anticipated legal expenses, according to Controlling Board documents. The Commerce Department said it will use the new money primarily for a "seed-to-sale" database tracking program related to the planting, harvest, processing and sale of medical marijuana and products containing it to people with any of 21 specified diseases, medical conditions and chronic pain.

About \$5 million was previously approved by the Controlling Board for related startup expenses. State agencies that they expect to be able

to repay some of the advance money from licenses and fees when the program is up and running.

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HANNAH NEWS UPDATE: House Overrides 11 Budget Vetoes But Leaves Medicaid Expansion Question Pending

This morning, the House of Representatives overrode 11 of the governor's 47 budget vetoes, seven of which addressed various aspects of the Medicaid program. However, the veto of the freeze on Medicaid expansion has been left pending. See Thursday's *Hannah Report* for more details.

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Public Comment Survey

The Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program is the nation's oldest federal-state partnership aimed at promoting and improving the health, safety, and wellbeing of MCH populations. The MCH Block Grant provides a foundation for funding services to ensure the health of Ohio's mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs, and their families.

The Ohio Department of Health, Office of Health Improvement and Wellness (OHIW), Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health, is charged with administering the Title V MCH Block Grant Program in Ohio. Part of that charge involves soliciting feedback annually regarding the strategies, objectives, activities and performance measures used to address the most critical needs for MCH populations across Ohio. We are currently in the second year of a 5-year cycle. The strategies submitted in this year's Block Grant application are the basis for our work over the 5-year period. We invite and encourage you to take the survey and share your comments with us.

Click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BlockGrantSurvey> to access the survey. This survey is open for a 30 day public comment period.

Please share this information with your staff and stakeholders (local organizations, advisory groups, sub grantees, consumer groups, etc.) across the state. We ask that you let us know who you have forwarded this announcement to so we can track our outreach.

Attend HPIO's forum "Linking health and wealth: How economic vitality can lead to healthier Ohioans"

In order to be healthy, we all need the opportunity to earn a sufficient income and live in affordable, safe neighborhoods. As health care providers, insurers and health departments increasingly are held accountable for improving population health, addressing poverty and fostering economic vitality becomes even more important. Policymakers often cite the state's economic climate, however opinions on how to best accomplish this goal vary.

This forum explores state policy options to improve health outcomes and health equity by increasing economic development, labor force participation and income mobility.

Speakers include:

- * **Anjum Hajar**, University of Washington School of Public Health
- * **David Norris**, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
- * **David Lipsetz**, Housing Assistance Council
- * **Hannah Halbert**, Policy Matters Ohio
- * **Rea Hederman**, The Buckeye Institute
- * And more to be announced!

Lunch will be served (vegetarian options available) Registration begins at 9:00 with program starting at 9:30. A general attendance fee is \$65.

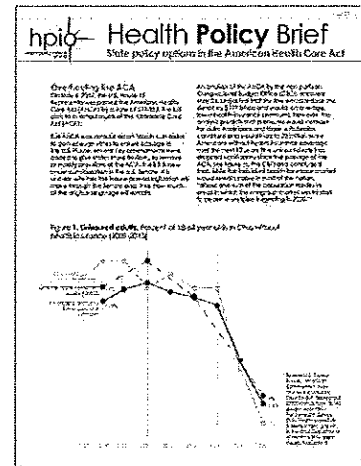
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HPIO has a limited number of PARTIAL scholarships available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Hailey Akah at hakah@hpio.net.

HPIO brief explores American Health Care Act decisions for states

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has released its latest policy brief, "**State policy options in the American Health Care Act.**"

Last month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Health Care Act, a bill aimed at overhauling much of the Affordable Care Act. Although the AHCA is sometimes referred to as a bill to "repeal and replace" the ACA, it leaves many of the decisions to alter the 2010 health reform law in the hands of states.



Given the considerable flexibility in the AHCA for states, Ohio policymakers will have additional policy options available to them if the current bill is signed into law. The new HPIO publication highlights some of the areas in which Ohio policymakers will encounter new decision points.

In addition, the publication estimates changes to 2017 individual marketplace premiums had ACHA provisions been in place during the most-recent open enrollment period. **County profiles** with estimated premiums for various ages and incomes, as well as county-level marketplace enrollment data, are posted for a number of Ohio counties.



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Funding

OMHRC Funding

- HHS/OMH, Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC): Health Information Campaign for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Subcontracts. OMHRC is awarding subcontracts to organizations that primarily serve the AI/AN populations to strengthen existing HIV prevention services, testing, and increase AI/AN referrals to HIV care. For further information, please contact [Elton Naswood](#). Deadline for application is August 18, 2017, 5:00 pm ET | Access a recording of the [Informational webinar](#).

Federal Grants

- HHS/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA): Substance Abuse Treatment Telehealth Network Grant Program. The purpose of this program is to demonstrate how telehealth programs and networks can improve access to health care services, particularly substance abuse treatment services, in rural, frontier, and underserved communities. Deadline is August 23, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Cancer Institute (NCI): US Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities (R01) Research Project Grant. Deadline for Letter of Intent (LOI) is September 11, 2017. [Learn more](#) | A Technical Assistance webinar will be held August 8, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- HHS/NIH, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI): Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for 'Programs to Increase Diversity among Individuals

Engaged in Health Related Research' (PRIDE) Summer Institutes (R25). Estimated publication date of announcement is December 2017. [Learn more](#).

Non-Federal Grants

- Truth Initiative: 2017 Tobacco-Free College Program for Community Colleges and Minority-Serving Institutions. Deadline is October 11, 2017. [Learn more](#) | A Technical Assistance webinar will be held August 16, 2017, 3:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

Scholarships / Fellowships / Internships / Mentoring

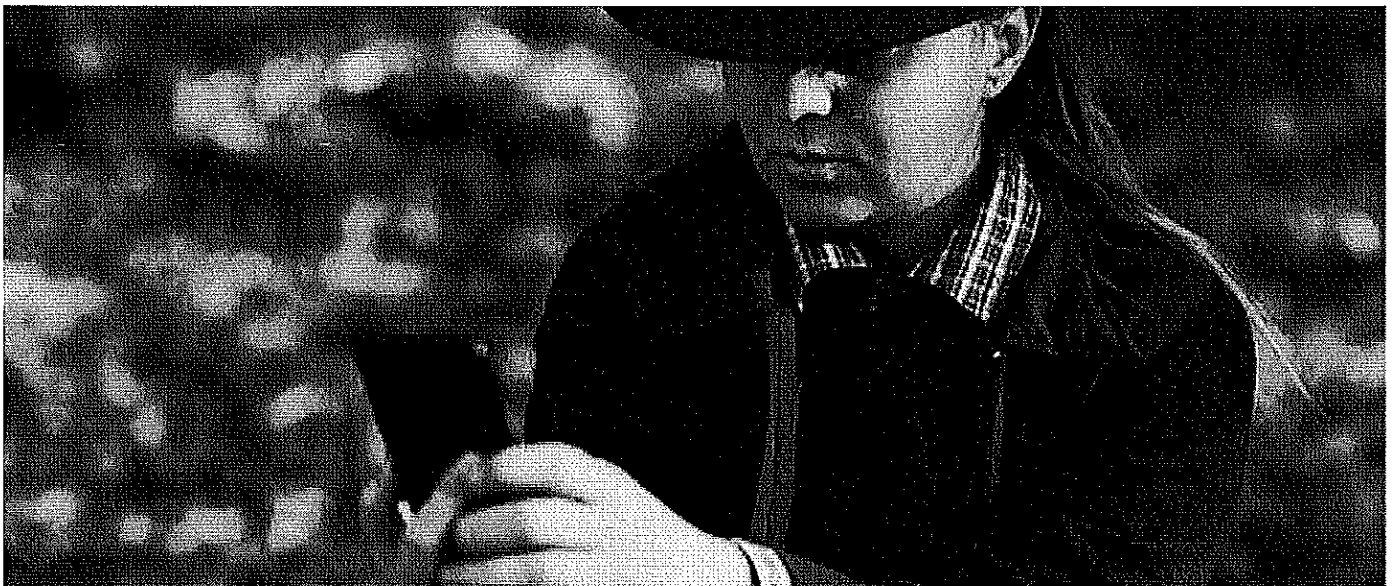
- Study.com: Scholarship for Hispanics. To participate in this scholarship contest, applicants must meet the following criteria: They must be a US Citizen or Permanent US Resident, must be enrolled (or accepted) in an accredited college or university, and must be of Hispanic descent. Deadline is April 1, 2018. [Learn more](#).

OMHRC at Local Conferences

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 4-MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017

- OMHRC will be at the [American Association of Diabetes Educators \(AADE\)](#) conference, **August 4-6** in Indianapolis, IN. Come visit us at booth #2034!

American Indian/Alaska Native Health



Oversampling Study

- HHS/OMH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Call for participation in the 2017 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System Oversampling Study (BRFSS). This phone survey aims to increase understanding of health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, access to care and use of preventive services in AI/AN populations. The states participating in the oversampling study are: Alaska, Arizona, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. [Learn more.](#)

Events

- HHS/Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS): All Tribe's Call. Technical Assistance and Outreach on Medicaid Billing and Payment for Services Provided Outside the Four Walls by Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribal Employees and Non-IHS Providers. The purpose of this call is to provide technical assistance and a better understanding of the process for Tribes interested in enrolling as Medicaid Federally Qualified Health Centers. August 9, 2017, 2:30 pm ET. [Register.](#)
- HHS/OMH, National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA): Promoting Health Equity through Programs and Policies webinar series. Advancing Health Equity in Tribal Communities through Public Health Accreditation. This webinar will highlight the work that has been done by NPA and the [National Indian Health Board](#) at the national level as well as by local health care providers, such as the [Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center](#), to advance health equity and improve health outcomes for AI/ANs. August 24, 2017, 3:00 pm ET. [Register.](#)

Black and African American Health

Events

- HHS/OMH, OMHRC and the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing: Webinar. *Heart Disease Risk Factors among African Immigrants Residing in the United States*. Join Dr. Yvonne Commodore-Mensah, Assistant Professor of Community-Public Health Nursing at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, for a discussion of current research on heart disease risk factors in African immigrants in the US, the role of acculturation on heart health, and clinical and public health strategies that might improve the heart health of African immigrants. August 11, 2017, 12:00 pm ET. [Register.](#)
- AEIMforward Tech Services and partner organizations: Call for abstracts for the 5th Annual United States Conference on African Immigrant and Refugee Health (USCAIH), *Advancing the Health of African Immigrants through Research, Advocacy and Community Engagement*. Event to be held in Washington, DC. Deadline is August 15, 2017. [Learn more.](#)

Cultural Competence and CLAS

Events

- Cross Cultural Health Care Program: Training. *Bridging the Gap Training of Trainers Institute*. This Training of Trainers (TOT) class is appropriate for staff of agencies and organizations that employ interpreters in medical and/or social service settings. The TOT class will provide participants with the curriculum, skills, and expertise necessary to offer Bridging the Gap in their home organizations. October 16-20, 2017 in Seattle, WA. [Learn more](#).

Health Disparities

Events

- Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI): Registration now open for the *RCMI Translational Science 2017 Conference*. This event presents opportunities to share new approaches toward eliminating health disparities and developing the next generation of biomedical scientists. October 28-November 1, 2017 in Washington, DC. [Register](#).

Hispanic/Latino Health

Events

- The Latino Commission: Registration is open for the 5th Annual Central Valley Latino Conference, *Strengthening the Roots*. The conference will feature workshop presentations on mental health, behavioral health, and cultural competency for professionals serving the Hispanic/Latino community. August 24-25, 2017 in Visalia, CA. [Register](#).

Infectious Diseases

Resources

- HHS/CDC: *Zika Topic of the Week* widget. This widget offers helpful and timely information on the Zika virus. Download in [English](#) | Download in [Spanish](#).



Public Health

Events

- HHS and the National Public Health Information Coalition (NPHIC) recognize **August** as *National Immunization Awareness Month* (NIAM). This national health observance highlights the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. The 2017 NIAM Toolkit, developed by the CDC and NPHIC, includes sample key messages, media materials, social media messages, FAQs, and resources you can use to support the observance. [Learn more.](#)
- SKC Center for Prevention & Wellness, in partnership with the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board and the Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas: Registration now open for the 2017 Public Health Training Conference, *Connecting Community, Culture and Care*. This conference will address critical disease prevention and control strategies to promote, protect, and improve the health of communities while integrating local culture into comprehensive patient care. August 15-16, 2017 in Rapid City, SD. [Register.](#)

Substance Use



Resources

- HHS/CDC: Online training. *Applying CDC's Guideline for Prescribing Opioids: An Online Training Series for Healthcare Providers*. This online training series aims to help health professionals apply CDC's [recommendations](#)[Learn more.](#)

Workforce Development

Events

- HHS/HRSA, Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW): Workforce Grand Rounds webinar series. *Strengthening the Health Workforce Education Pipeline: Tools, Resources and Outcomes*. This webinar will increase awareness of health workforce education pipeline programs and share best practices regarding the need to recruit and retain students from disadvantaged backgrounds and underrepresented minorities. August 15, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Learn more](#).

Job Opportunities

OMHRC

- AMTIS is recruiting for a FT Communications Manager position within the Office of Minority Health Resource Center in Landover, MD. Open until filled. [Apply](#).

@ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In observance of National Immunization Awareness Month, we are highlighting *The Childhood Immunization Schedule and Safety*, subtitled *Stakeholder Concerns, Scientific Evidence, and Future Studies*, a publication of the National Academies Press. This book identifies research approaches, methodologies, and study designs that could address questions about the safety of the current child immunization schedule. The full text book is available free online. To view this title and find additional information, [search our online catalog](#).

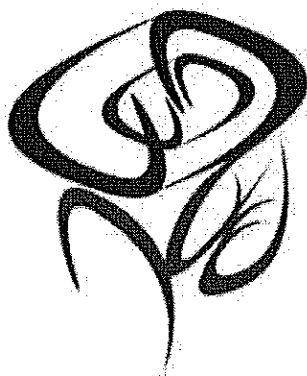
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**Research and Reduce Mental Health Disparities in
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Cleveland made national headlines in April, when Steve Stephens randomly murdered Robert Godwin and posted video of the act to Facebook. When Stephens took his own life, at the end of a widely publicized two-day manhunt, that was the end of the story for many.

The Importance of Cultural Competency in Mental Health Treatment



**Simone Crawley
Executive
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Plenary Panel Presenters

**Creating a Well Rounded
Approach to Address
African American Mental**

For mental health professionals, however, the story doesn't end there and certainly didn't begin just two days earlier. According to specialists, a long build-up frequently precedes seemingly sudden outbursts of violence. Yet America's mental health system fails minorities, including African Americans like Stephens, more often than the population as a whole.

Health professionals have recognized this disparity for years, and identified various factors at work. Yvonka Hall of Cleveland hopes to facilitate bringing these strands of research together to produce practical solutions.

The Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition, which Hall leads, is presenting the "State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference: The Case for Correcting Cultural Trauma" in August. "We saw the need for a comprehensive approach to the issues impacting the community as a whole," says Hall.

Both trauma and cultural competency are among the factors which experts see disadvantaging the African American community. The University of Connecticut's Center for Mental Health Disparities says that "many ethnoracial minorities experience cumulative experiences of racism as traumatic, with perhaps a minor event acting as 'the last straw' in triggering trauma reactions." Yet many clinicians overlook the cumulative effect of ongoing racial discrimination, they add.

In combination with other cultural blind spots,

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systemic barriers including cost have held back effective mental health care for minority communities, according to the American Psychological Association.

Hall says that the August conference will be an opportunity not only to catch up on these issues, but to do real work developing better responses. "The conference will examine the state of mental health disparities through historical documentation, systems exploration and personal testimonies," she says.

"This conference is a unique blend of the issues but also includes solutions," too, says Hall. A range of expert panelists will join attendees in breakout sessions, to explore policy responses for every level, from local communities up to state and national programs.

Nationally recognized award-winning author Julius Bailey, Ph.D., will be part of the conference. Its line-up also includes Ohio state Senator Charleta B. Taveres, and the chair of Case Western Reserve University's Bolton School of Nursing, Faye A. Gary, Ed.D, RN, FAAN. A community organizations panel discussion will feature the NAACP and groups from around the country.

The State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference begins at noon on Friday, August 18, and continues on August 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The conference will take place at Doubletree by Hilton, 3663 Park



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East Drive in Beachwood. (To book accommodation at a conference rate, guests may call 216-464-5950.)

Conference registration is \$100, which includes breakfast, lunch and program materials. Professional CEUs are also available in several fields. Guests can register online at mentalhealthdisparitiesconference.eventbrite.com or by mail; checks should be made to NEO Black Health Coalition, PO Box 221442, Beachwood, OH 44122.

For more information, call 216-295-0283 or visit neoblackhealthcoalition.org.

About Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition

NEO Black Health Coalition's vision is to achieve health parity (equality) in the African American/Black population

NEOBHC's mission is to address disparities and inequities in education, employment housing, health and the impact on African American health disparities by working to empower, educate and advocate for under-served populations.

About Yvonka Hall

Yvonka Marie Hall is the Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition. She is a nationally recognized health disparities expert and serves as an advisor to numerous organizations.

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The 1974 murder of her mother dramatically changed her life; her childhood promise to use her life to help others has lead to the creation of cutting edge programs and impacted thousands of people's lives. After the murders of her mother Yvonne, younger brother Antoine and best friend Tracey, she dedicated her life to working for the disenfranchised.

She served as Director of the Cleveland Office of Minority Health and the Northeast Ohio Director of Cultural Health Initiatives for the American Heart Association. She is a graduate of Texas Southern University and Notre Dame College of Ohio. She has the distinguished honor of being a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow.

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According to the U.S. HHS on Minority Health:

African American adults are more likely to have feelings of sadness, hopelessness and worthlessness than adult whites.

African Americans living below poverty are three times more likely to report serious psychological distress than those living above poverty.

African American teenagers are more likely to attempt suicide than are white teenagers.

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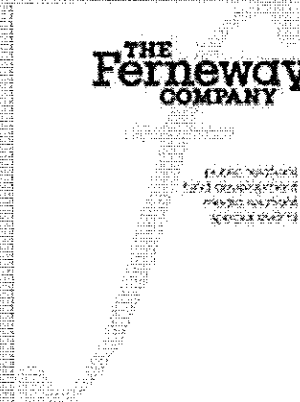
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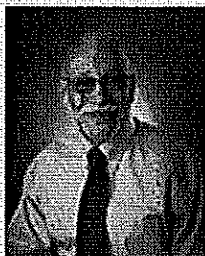
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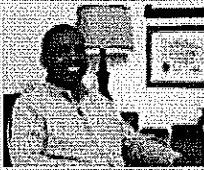


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solve complex issues to improve the health of communities and integrate clinical and community health and prevention strategies. Read more below, or visit the Midwest Forum [website here](#).

Registration* for the Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems and Population Health: Partnerships to Build a Culture of Health is now open!

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Early Bird - \$400 (July 2017 - August 31, 2017)
Regular - \$450 (August 15, 2017 - November 22, 2017)
Onsite - \$500 (November 29, 2017 - December 1, 2017)
[Pre-Conference Workshop](#) - \$80

[Explore the Midwest Forum schedule, featured speakers, hotel information, call for abstracts, pre-conference sessions, registration, and more on the updated Midwest Forum webpage!](#)

*If you pre-registered, please use the registration link above to complete your registration.

New Speakers Confirmed!

Midwest Forum speakers now include:

- **John Auerbach**, President and CEO, Trust for America's Health
- **Mona Hanna-Attisha**, MD, Director of the Pediatric Public Health Initiative & Pediatric Residency Program at Hurley Children's Hospital at Hurley Medical Center at Michigan State University
- **John R. Lumpkin**, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President-Program at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- **Jan Ruma**, Vice President, Healthcare Council of Northwest Ohio (HCNO); Executive Director, Toledo/Lucas County CareNet; Director, Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB
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- **Kimberlydawn Widsom**, MD, MS, Senior Vice President of Community Health & Equity, Chief Wellness & Diversity Officer, Henry Ford Health System; Michigan's First Surgeon General
- **Steven Woolf**, MD, MPH, Professor, Director, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Center on Society and Health

Submit an Abstract by August 11th!

The Midwest Forum on Hospitals, Health Systems and Population Health is seeking abstracts from stakeholders in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin to highlight successes and lessons learned related to the forum topics. Abstracts are due by 11:59pm CT on Friday, August 11, 2017. Abstracts can be submitted to MWFabstracts@iphionline.org.

[View the call for abstracts.](#)

About the Midwest Forum

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the existing system of care in the United States to a system that strategically plans for and supports the health of its population. Building on health equity as the core forum theme, topics include:

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OMHRC Funding

- HHS/OMH, Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC): Health Information Campaign for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Subcontracts. OMHRC is awarding subcontracts to organizations that primarily serve the AI/AN populations to strengthen existing HIV prevention services, testing, and increase AI/AN referrals to HIV care. For further information, please contact [Elton Naswood](#). Deadline for application is August 18, 2017, 5:00 pm ET | Access a recording of the [Informational webinar](#).

Federal Grants

- HHS/National Institutes of Health (NIH): Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) (R41/R42) Grant. Deadline is September 5, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/NIH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA): Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) (R43/R44) Grant. Deadline is September 5, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/NIH, National Cancer Institute (NCI): US Tobacco Control Policies to Reduce Health Disparities (R01) Research Project Grant. Deadline for Letter of Intent (LOI) is September 11, 2017. [Learn more](#) | A Technical Assistance webinar will be held August 8, 2017, 2:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- HHS/NIH: Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications (ELSI) of Genomics Research Project Grant Program (R01). Deadline is October 5, 2017. [Learn more](#).

Scholarships / Fellowships / Internships / Mentoring

- American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO): Leadership Development Program. Participants in this year-long leadership program will gain extensive exposure to the roles and mission of ASCO, and the Society's powerful place in developing the future of cancer care. Deadline is September 25, 2017. [Learn more](#).

American Indian/Alaska Native Health

Events

- HHS/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Tribal Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Center: Webinar. Youth Empowerment Part 2: Suicide Prevention and Social Media. The SAMHSA Tribal TTA Center will join the [Center for Native American Youth](#) and members of their 2017 Champions for Change class for a series of webinars focusing on youth empowerment in Indian Country. July 26, 2017, 3:00 pm ET. [Register](#).
- HHS/OMH, National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (NPA): Promoting Health Equity through Programs and Policies webinar series. Advancing Health Equity in Tribal Communities through Public Health Accreditation. This webinar will highlight the work that has been done by NPA and the [National Indian Health Board](#) at the national level as well as by local health care providers, such as the [Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center](#), to advance health equity and improve health outcomes for AI/ANs. August 24, 2017, 3:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

Diabetes

Resources

- HHS/NIH, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK): **Free print publications**. Up to 25 copies of most NIDDK titles will be made available to order free of charge if shipped to addresses within the United States. Visit [NIDDK's Online Catalog](#) to order resources for your clinic, organization, or community. Deadline for orders is August 15, 2017.

Hispanic/Latino Health

Events

- National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA): Registration open for the *NHMA Cardiovascular Disease and Hispanics Leadership Summit*. This summit will provide an overview of cardiovascular disease (CVD), including background, risk factors, common therapies, the number of Americans impacted, and the evolution of CVD medical innovation. August 17, 2017 in Los Angeles, CA. [Register](#).
- National Hispanic Council on Aging (NHCOA): Regional conference. *Empowering Communities to Age with Dignity*. Two panels will be held in order to discuss the status of Hispanic caregiving, and resources and solutions for Hispanic caregivers. August 17, 2017 at One Veteran Place in Silver Spring, MD. For further information and to register, please e-mail events@nhcoa.org.

Online Survey

- NHCOA: Request for responses to the *Hispanic Caregivers Survey/Encuesta de Cuidadores Hispanos*. NHCOA invites Hispanic caregivers to participate in this brief survey and share their insights and recommendations so that the needs of Hispanic caregivers and their families can be shared at the national level. Complete the survey in [English](#) | Complete la encuesta en [español](#).

Maternal and Child Health

Events

- Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP): Call for proposals for the 2018 AMCHP Annual Conference, *Staying Focused: The Enduring Commitment of MCH to Families and Outcomes*. Event to be held in Crystal City, VA. Deadline for proposals is September 1, 2017. [Learn more](#).
- HHS/NIH, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development: Public meeting. *Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women* (PRGLAC). The 21st Century Cures Act established the PRGLAC Task Force to advise the Secretary of HHS regarding gaps in knowledge and research on safe and effective therapies for pregnant women and lactating women. August 21-22, 2017 in Rockville, MD. [Register](#).

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- HHS/Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP): Call for written comments on the proposed framework for Healthy People 2030 developed by the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030. Deadline is September 29, 2017. [Learn more.](#)

Public Health

Events

- SKC Center for Prevention & Wellness, in partnership with the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board and the Community HealthCare Association of the Dakotas: Registration now open for the 2017 Public Health Training Conference, *Connecting*

Community, Culture and Care. This conference will address critical disease prevention and control strategies to promote, protect, and improve the health of communities while integrating local culture into comprehensive patient care. August 15-16, 2017 in Rapid City, SD. [Register](#).

Substance Use

Events

- HHS/Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, in collaboration with SAMHSA and CDC: Webinar series for faith and community leaders on the current opioid addiction crisis. The first webinar, *Understanding the Opioid Crisis: What's at the Heart of the Matter?* will be held August 9, 2017, 12:00 pm ET. [Register](#) | The second webinar, *There is Hope: Treatment, Recovery, & Prevention*, will be held August 16, 2017, 12:00 pm ET. [Register](#).

Final Report: Opioid Use, Misuse, and Overdose in Women

July 19, 2017



Resources

- HHS/Office on Women's Health (OWH): New report. *Opioid Use, Misuse, and Overdose in Women*. This report examines prevention, treatment, and recovery issues for women who misuse, have use disorders, and/or overdose on opioids. [Learn more](#) | [Read full report](#) (PDF).

@ The Knowledge Center - Recommended Reading

- In support of World Hepatitis Day, observed on Friday, **July 28th**, we are highlighting *A National Strategy for the Elimination of Hepatitis B and C*, subtitled *Phase Two Report*, a publication of the National Academies Press. In this report, editors examine the possibility of the elimination of hepatitis B and C in the U.S. and identify critical factors needed to eradicate the disease. To view this title and find additional information, [search our online catalog](#).
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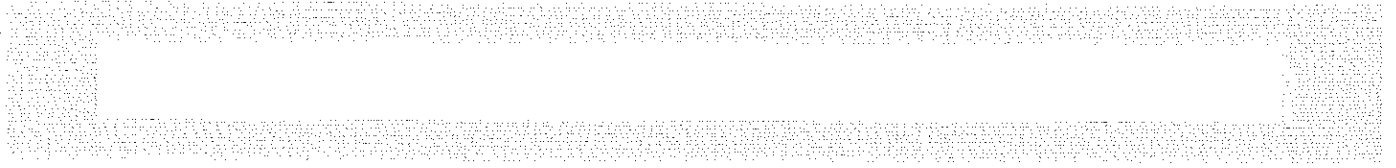


Health Care Access in Ohio's Hispanic Community

Each year the Latino Affairs Commission compiles reports on topics relating to Ohio's Hispanic community. Our reports are designed to educate and facilitate discussion on particular matters relating to the Latino community.

We are pleased to present you with our most recent Latino Community Report, which investigates the barriers and opportunities related to health care access for Latinos in Ohio. A critique on mental health service accessibility is provided, as well as opportunities to increase impact.

Please [click here](#) to view the Latino Community Report. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please [email us](#). We hope to see you at the annual Latino Health Summit this Friday!



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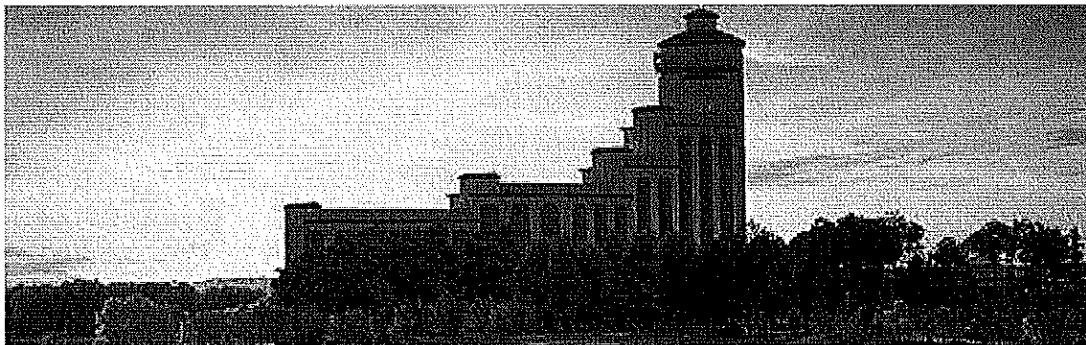
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Trump Signs Hurricane Relief Legislation for Schools, Issues Hurricane Relief Guidance

The president signed S. 1866 into law on Friday after the bill passed through Congress last week. The bill offers various forms of support for schools and colleges impacted by the recent hurricanes. Specifically, the law:

- Allows the U.S. Department of Education to waive a requirement that higher education institutions contribute matching funds as part of the Federal Work Study and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant programs.
- Redistributes the unused funds in those programs to colleges affected by the hurricanes.
- Provides access for private schools to funds available under the Project School Emergency Response to Violence program.

The law comes on the heels of new non-regulatory hurricane relief guidance, issued by the department on Sept. 22. The guidance identifies areas of federal law that are subject to flexibility and waivers for grantees and program participants impacted by natural disasters. The guidance focuses on support and flexibility options available to schools, state educational agencies, state lead agencies, local educational agencies, local early intervention service programs and providers, State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools, Tribes, and postsecondary institutions with a

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HHS Secretary Pays Price for Travel

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- Scott Gottlieb, the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration
- Seema Verma, the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
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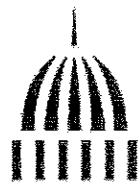
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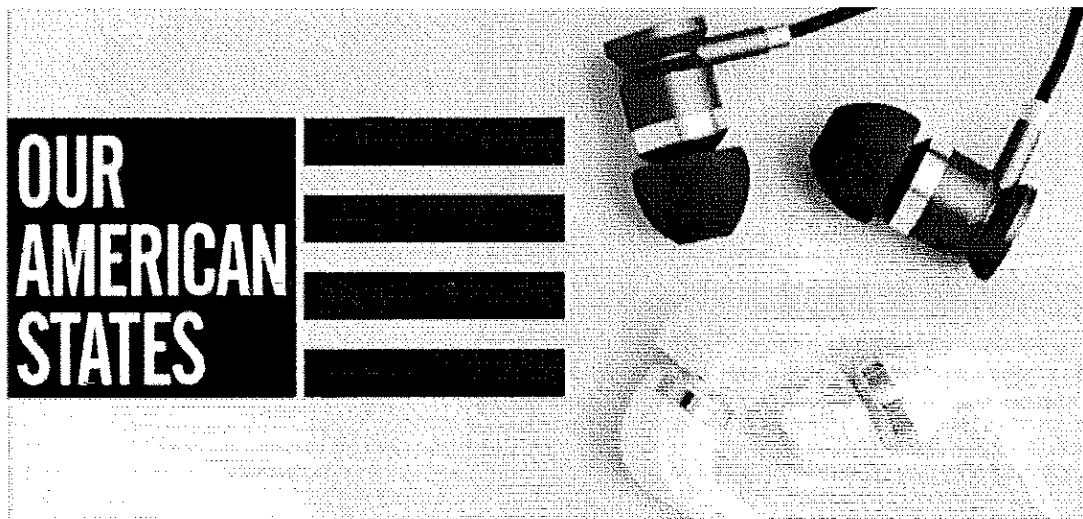
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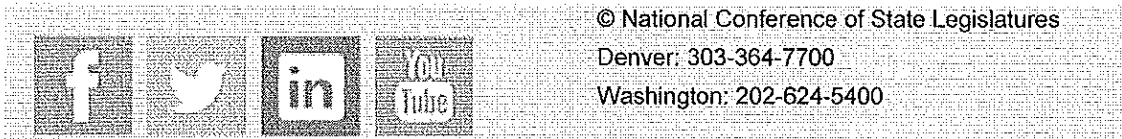
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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, February 27

Legislative Committees

Senate Transportation, Commerce & Workforce (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:30 a.m.

HB 159 **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Riedel, C.) To designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 195 **WHEELCHAIR TRANSPORTS** (Ingram, C., Seitz, B.) To modify the provisions concerning the transport of persons who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid in nonemergency circumstances. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HCR 19 **HATE GROUPS** (Leland, D., Greenspan, D.) To denounce and oppose the totalitarian impulses, violent terrorism, xenophobic biases, and bigoted ideologies that are promoted by white nationalists and neo-Nazis, to urge law enforcement to recognize white nationalist and neo-Nazi groups as terrorist organizations, and to pursue the criminal elements of these domestic terrorist organizations in the same manner and with the same fervor used to protect the United States from other manifestations of terrorism. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 336 **LICENSE FEES** (Barnes, J., Greenspan, D.) To prohibit the imposition of driver's license and temporary instruction permit reinstatement fees in specified circumstances and to name this act the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 250 **ELECTRIC BICYCLES** (Brinkman, T.) To establish requirements for the use of electric bicycles. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 466-8082), South Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of Scott Arthur, State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire and Transportation Services

HB 307 **MONTH DESIGNATION** (Gonzales, A.) To designate September as "We Card Month." (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 229 **DAY DESIGNATION** (Romanchuk, M., Wiggam, S.) To designate February 3 as "Charles Follis Day." (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 202 **AWARENESS DAY** (Thompson, A.) To designate the first Saturday of May as "Veterans Suicide Awareness Day." (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 106 **SMOKING** (Tavares, C.) To prohibit smoking in a motor vehicle in which a child under six years of age is a passenger. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 194 **LICENSE PLATES** (Johnson, T., Craig, H.) To establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3506), Rm. 119, 10 a.m.

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Schaffer, T., 466-8100), Rm. 121, 10 a.m.

SB 226 TAX HOLIDAY (Bacon, K.) To provide for a permanent three-day sales tax "holiday" each August during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use tax. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 22 TAX LAWS (Peterson, B.) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since February 14, 2016, into Ohio law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

HB 507 TAX CREDIT (Gonzales, A.) To allow a refundable income tax credit for parents of stillborn children. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 488 TAX LEVIES (Hood, R., Becker, J.) To modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

Senate Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Bacon, K., 466-8064), North Hearing Rm., 10:15 a.m.

- **Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Mark Wasylshyn, Michael Staley, Brian Simms and Jay Beighley, Ohio Private Investigation and Security Services Commission**

SB 66 CRIMINAL LAWS (Eklund, J., Tavares, C.) To modify criminal sentencing and corrections law by including rehabilitation as a purpose of felony sentencing, removing the one-year minimum for presumptive fourth or fifth degree felony community control sanctions, modifying sanctions for a violation of a community control condition, modifying the manner of calculating confinement credits, modifying eligibility criteria and procedures for granting intervention in lieu of conviction, making offenders convicted of certain multiple fourth or fifth degree felonies eligible for conviction record sealing, revising procedures for the Adult Parole Authority to grant a final release or terminate post-release control, and modifying the criteria for considering a prison term sanction for a post-release control violation. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

SB 231 OFFENDER DATABASE (Gardner, R.) To provide for a violent offender database, require violent offenders to enroll in the database, and name those provisions of the act "Sierah's Law;" to modify the membership and duties of the Ex-Offender Reentry Coalition and eliminate its repeal; to require halfway houses to use the single validated risk assessment tool for adult offenders that the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction has developed; and to provide that the notice of release from prison of specified serious offense offenders that is given to sheriffs is to be the same as that provided to prosecuting attorneys and eliminate the notice to sheriffs regarding pardons, commutations, paroles, and transitional control transfers of offenders. (2nd Hearing-Possible amendments)

- SB 171** **PROTECTION ORDERS (Hottinger, J.)** To increase the penalty that applies to the offense of violating a protection order under certain circumstances and to require electronic monitoring of those convicted of violating certain protection orders to be carried out by probation agencies. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)
- SB 195** **DOGS LAW (Beagle, B.)** To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)
- SB 244** **PROSTITUTION (Dolan, M., Manning, G.)** To amend the penalties for promoting prostitution. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- House Finance (Committee Record) (**Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366**), Rm. 313, 11 a.m.
- HB 529** **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Ryan, S.)** To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30,2020. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)
- HB 508** **OHIO CORPS (Ryan, S., Reineke, B.)** To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 378** **BROADBAND GRANTS (Smith, R., Cera, J.)** To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (**Chr. Young, R., 644-6074**), Rm. 113, 1:30 p.m.
- HB 504** **INTERIOR DESIGNERS (Pelanda, D.)** Regarding interior designers. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 263** **OUTDOOR DINING AREAS (Lanese, L.)** To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 211** **HOME INSPECTORS (Hughes, J.)** To require the licensure of home inspectors and to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- HB 433** **VETERINARY EDUCATION (Kelly, B., Brinkman, T.)** To allow a licensed veterinarian to receive up to two continuing education credits per biennium for performing free spaying and neutering services. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- House Criminal Justice (Committee Record) (**Chr. Manning, N., 644-5076**), Rm. 114, 1:30 p.m.
- HB 457** **DRUG TREATMENT (Antani, N.)** To require that an offender serving a community control sanction or a parolee who fails a drug test for heroin,

fentanyl, or carfentanil be held in jail or admitted to a residential treatment program for up to 30 days. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 391 **ECONOMIC LOSSES** (**Merrin, D.**) To include the cost of accounting done to determine the extent of economic loss as a type of economic loss for which restitution may be granted. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & substitute)

House State & Local Government (Committee Record) (**Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041**), Rm. 017, 2 p.m.

HB 454 **CEMETERY LOTS** (**Patterson, J., Arndt, S.**) To require a township to compensate the owner of certain unused cemetery lots and rights which the township reenters after lack of response from the owner. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HR 299 **DRUG USE** (**Young, R., Ginter, T.**) To recognize the efforts and successes of the faith-based community in supporting and assisting individuals who are suffering from opioid and other drug abuse and addiction. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 483 **WEEK DESIGNATION** (**Patterson, J.**) To designate the second week of October as "Ohio Covered Bridge Week." (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 484 **HEALTH DISTRICTS** (**Brenner, A.**) To authorize city and general health districts to use credit cards in accordance with prescribed requirements. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 492 **STATE PROCUREMENT** (**Gonzales, A.**) To establish the women-owned business enterprise program requiring state agencies to establish women-owned business procurement goals. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 493 **MINORITY ENTERPRISES** (**Gonzales, A.**) To authorize the Director of Administrative Services to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states with respect to the certification of minority business enterprises and EDGE business enterprises. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 500 **TOWNSHIP LAWS** (**Carfagna, R.**) To make various changes to township law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (**Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091**), Rm. 313, 2 p.m.

- **Note time & room change.**

HB 382 **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION** (**Schuring, K.**) To modify terms describing payments made under the Unemployment Compensation Law, to increase the amount of wages subject to unemployment compensation premiums, to require qualifying employees to make payments to the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fund, to allow the Director of Job and Family Services to adjust maximum weekly benefit amounts, to reduce the maximum number of benefit weeks, and to make other changes to the Unemployment Compensation Law. (15th Hearing-All testimony)

- HJR 4** **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Schuring, K.)** Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow the General Assembly to provide by law for the issuance of bonds to pay unemployment compensation benefits when the fund created for that purpose is or will be depleted or to repay outstanding advances made by the federal government to the unemployment compensation program. (15th Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 512** **EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (Reineke, B.)** To establish the Department of Learning and Achievement; to abolish the Department of Higher Education, the position of the Chancellor of Higher Education, and the Ohio Board of Regents; to transfer, with exceptions, the duties regarding the administration of primary and secondary education programs and all duties regarding the administration of higher education programs to the Department of Learning and Achievement; and to prescribe certain duties regarding educator licensure, community school sponsorship, and other education programs for the State Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Department of Education. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 451** **PUBLIC RECORDS (Retherford, W.)** To exclude from the definition of public record under the Public Records Law any depiction by photograph, film, videotape, or digital, visual, or printed material of victims of crime under specified circumstances dealing with the victims' bodily privacy. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)
- SB 223** **USED TIRES (LaRose, F.)** To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 10** **PRIMARY ELECTIONS (LaRose, F.)** To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- HB 506** **DOG BREEDERS (Hill, B.)** To revise the law governing high volume dog breeders. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)
- HB 469** **TAX CREDIT (Schuring, K., Patton, T.)** To authorize a nonrefundable insurance company tax credit for contributions of capital to transformational mixed use development projects. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 489** **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (Dever, J.)** To provide some regulatory and tax relief to state banks and credit unions, to provide for data analytics to be conducted on publicly available information regarding banks, credit unions, and consumer finance companies, to modify when a creditor can file a claim against an estate, to require registration of mortgage loan servicers, and to require a specified notice be given to a debtor for certain debt collection. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)
- SB 139** **LEGAL MATERIALS (Skindell, M., Eklund, J.)** To adopt the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 450 **HEALTH BENEFITS (Antani, N.)** To impose review and other requirements on existing health insurance mandated benefits and to establish requirements for the creation of new mandated benefits. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 342 **TAX LEVIES (Merrin, D.)** To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m.

- **Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Pamela Mowry, North Central State College Board of Trustees and Jo Ann Davidson and Ranjan Manoranjan, Ohio Casino Control Commission**

SB 266 **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Oelslager, S.)** To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30,2020. (Presentation from OBM Director Tim Keen)

HB 168 **CEMETERY REGISTRATION (Stein, D.)** To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

HB 251 **SUBDIVISION INVESTMENTS (Greenspan, D.)** To increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys, a county's inactive moneys, and money in the county public library fund. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid (Committee Record) (Chr. Burke, D., 466-8049), South Hearing Rm., 3:15 p.m.

SB 218 **MEDICAID PROVIDERS (Lehner, P.)** Regarding surety bonds and minimum training for certain Medicaid providers. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible amendments)

HB 332 **ANATOMICAL GIFTS (Antani, N.)** Regarding anatomical gifts, transplantation, and discrimination on the basis of disability. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 340 **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (Young, R.)** Regarding the release of information concerning public and medical assistance recipients. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 233 **COTTAGE FOOD PRODUCTION (Thomas, C.)** To allow a cottage food production operator to use a firebrick oven located on a patio at the operator's residence for purposes of the cottage food production operation (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 111 **MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENTS (Carfagna, R., Ryan, S.)** To authorize certain advanced practice registered nurses to have a person involuntarily

transported to a hospital for a mental health examination. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

House Education & Career Readiness (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 644-6711), Rm. 121, 4 p.m.

HB 502 YOUTH SUICIDE (Anielski, M.) With regard to educator inservice training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in public schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 503 YOUTH SUICIDE (Anielski, M.) With regard to educator inservice training on youth suicide awareness and prevention in private schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 318 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (Patterson, J., LaTourette, S.) To define the necessary qualifications and responsibilities of school resource officers. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)

HB 428 STUDENT EXPRESSION (Ginter, T., LaTourette, S.) Regarding student religious expression and to entitle the act the "Ohio Student Religious Liberties Act of 2018." (3rd Hearing-Opponent)

HB 491 EDUCATION LICENSE (Edwards, J.) To require the State Board of Education to issue a substitute license to specified pupil services personnel. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 360 BULLYING (Greenspan, D.) To enact the "Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act" with regard to school discipline and bullying and hazing policies at public schools and public colleges. (4th Hearing-Possible substitute)

Senate Government Oversight & Reform (Committee Record) (Chr. Coley, B., 466-8072), Finance Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.

SR 342 COLUMBUS CREW (Kunze, S.) To urge the investor-operator and chairperson of Columbus Crew Soccer Club to keep the franchise in Columbus. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

SB 221 AGENCY RULEMAKING (Uecker, J.) To reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof. (3rd Hearing-Opponent-Possible amendments)

HB 226 FIREWORKS (Seitz, B., Sweeney, M.) To establish a fireworks study group to review and make recommendations regarding the Fireworks Law, to extend to July 1, 2020, the moratorium on issuing fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, to eliminate, beginning January 1, 2021, the moratorium on geographic transfer of fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses, and, beginning July 1, 2020, to impose a fee on the retail sale of consumer grade fireworks in this state and to expand the ability of individuals to obtain 1.3G display fireworks and obtain and use 1.4G consumer fireworks. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 239 REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS (Dolan, M.) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)

Agency Calendar

Board of Building Appeals, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 8:30 a.m.

Event Planner

State Auditor Dave Yost and GOP lawmakers news conference on Medicaid compliance, Press Briefing Rm., Statehouse, Columbus, 10 a.m.

Ohio Lobbying Association Annual Meeting & Legislative Reception, Sheraton Columbus at Capital Square, 75 E. State St., Columbus, 4 p.m., (4:00 pm - Annual Meeting for OLA Members; 5:00 pm - Legislative Reception. More info and to register: http://bit.ly/2018_OLA_AM)

Rep. Glenn Holmes (D-McDonald) fundraiser, Westies Gastropub, 940 S. Front Street, Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$1,000, Host \$500, Friend \$250 to Committee to Elect Glenn Holmes. RSVP with Jenna Gravalis at 551-427-9895 or jgravalis@ohiodems.org)

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Senate Activity for Monday, February 26, 2018

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SB 266 ■ **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Oelslager, S.)** To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020.

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SB 267 ■ **SOLICITING (Brown, E., Kunze, S.)** To increase the penalty for soliciting when the person solicited is eighteen years of age or older, to specify that the fine for soliciting in this circumstance is not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, and to specify that up to one thousand dollars of that fine may be deposited into the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund. Am. 2907.24 and 5101.87

SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Joint Education Oversight Committee: Senator Gayle Manning as chair .

DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR

SB 144 ■ **DISABILITIES COUNCIL (Burke, D.)** To abolish the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Commission, Consumer Advisory Committee, and Governor's Council on People with Disabilities; to establish a state rehabilitation services council known as the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Council; and to restore staggered terms of office for the employee members representing firefighters on the board of trustees of the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund.

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House Activity for Monday, February 26, 2018

INTRODUCED

HB 526 ■ **SCHOOL SAFETY (DeVitis, T., Sweeney, M.)** To authorize a public or chartered nonpublic school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to provide the parties with a qualified immunity from civil liability, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service. Am. 5747.08 and 5747.98 and to enact sections 3313.94 and 5747.64

HB 527 ■ **VISITATION RIGHTS (LaTourette, S.)** To allow certain specified persons to petition the probate court for reasonable visitation with an incompetent or ward if visitation between the person and the incompetent or ward has been interfered with or denied. Am. 2111.132

HB 528 ■ **CORPSE ABUSE (Smith, R., Rezabek, J.)** To expand the penalties for abuse of corpse offenses. Am. 2927.01 and 2929.13

HB 529 ■ **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS (Ryan, S.)** To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and to make reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020. Am. 164.05
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HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS

Insurance Committee: Remove Representative LaTourette; appoint Representative Lang.

DELIVERED TO THE GOVERNOR

HB 45 ■ **MONTH DESIGNATION (Sprague, R.)** To designate May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."

HB 79 ■ **FIREARMS TRAINING (Retherford, W., Hagan, C.)** To provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training and has been authorized by the law enforcement

agency to carry firearms while on duty; and to grant such a professional the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a concealed handgun licensee.

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\$2.62 Billion Capital Budget Prioritizes Projects To Address Opiate Addiction, Related Issues

The General Assembly is doubling its prior financial commitments for behavioral and mental health infrastructure in the capital appropriations budget that was introduced Monday.

The bill includes \$2.62 billion in new spending on bricks-and-mortar projects as well as a yet-to-be-disclosed amount of reappropriations for ongoing capital projects approved in prior biennia. The bill covers spending in Fiscal Years 2019-2020.

Companion House and Senate measures (HB 529 & SB 266) allocate \$222 million for health and human services, developmental disabilities, mental health, addiction treatment and women's health initiative facilities over the next two fiscal years.

The fast-tracked budget, which will receive first hearings in both chambers on Tuesday, also includes \$150 million in community projects - \$20 million more than the original funding target - \$600 million for school facilities, \$514 million for local infrastructure projects and \$483 million for public colleges and universities.

The state will issue bonds to fund the spending.

The expanded health and human services support funding was added in response to the growing impact of the opiate epidemic, Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said.

"So where in the prior budgets you may have seen a few of these pop up, I think it's on the minds of a lot of people and we all recognize that these are some of the more important issues facing the state of Ohio and these are some of the things we chose to prioritize."

Some of the projects set to receive a chunk of the \$222 million are Alvis House and Maryhaven in Columbus, President Obhof said. The respective \$300,000 and \$125,000 projects would add about 260 additional treatment beds for addicts in Franklin County.

"We see these things throughout the state and not just in Franklin County, in Cuyahoga and Hamilton counties but in some of rural areas as well," Sen. Obhof said. "There are number of requests that are being funded from members throughout the state of Ohio for things like that."

Of the total allocation for such infrastructure plans, \$20 million will be provided through competitive grants, which were proposed by Gov. John Kasich. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 12, 2018)

So-called community resiliency projects that focus on expanding spaces for youth programming would receive the funding, said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton). The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and local groups will likely select the recipients.

"We recognize the need there and listened very carefully to the community," he said of the funding dedicated to combatting the opiate epidemic and related issues.

While that area of the budget saw a boost, overall capital appropriations shrunk by about \$10 million from the last budget, Sen. Obhof said. He's hopeful, however, that it will have a similar reach.

"We think that due to sound fiscal management and the hard work we put in in the main operating budget last year, we do have the capacity for the bonding and the funding of various projects throughout the state that you see in the bill," he told reporters after the legislation was introduced.

Leaders of both parties in each chamber worked together to iron out the details prior to the measure's introduction Monday, making it ripe for quick passage.

President Obhof said he expects a Senate vote on the House version - which will serve as the vehicle for the budget - in the week before spring break, which is set to begin in late March.

Local projects were brought forward by individual members for consideration while community colleges and universities created their own priority funding packages. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, November 22, 2017)

"This capital budget will give the legislature a tremendous opportunity to address several infrastructure and construction projects that will generate a positive return on investment for communities all across the state," Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) said in a statement. "I want to commend the members of the legislature and local leaders for their collaboration and commitment to helping improve the lives of so many Ohioans through this legislation."

The capital budget has historically drawn bipartisan support as lawmakers look to support money funneled to projects in their communities. That trend is expected to continue this year.

"As legislators, we review capital budget applications, meet with individuals and organizations and visit project sites. You can't help but become passionate about what we can do to invest in Ohio's infrastructure and improve the community," Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) said. "Although it's unfortunate that we can't fund every much-needed community project that comes to our attention, I am happy with the progress that will be made through the capital budget."

If the capital bill process follows those of prior years, no major changes will occur during deliberations unless there are problems with the bill. The last several capital budgets passed with few if any amendments once they were introduced.

Cardinal Health Among Drug Distributors Targeted In Latest DeWine Opioid Suit

Attorney General Mike DeWine on Monday announced that he has filed a lawsuit against four drug distributors for their role in the opioid epidemic.

The lawsuit, filed in Madison County Common Pleas Court, alleges that the drug distributors were negligent in over-supplying addictive opioid prescription drugs.

"We believe the evidence will show that these companies ignored their duties as drug distributors to ensure that opioids were not being diverted for improper use. They knew the amount of opioids allowed to flow into Ohio far exceeded what could be consumed for medically-necessary purposes, but they did nothing to stop it," AG Mike DeWine said in a statement.

"And much like the drug manufacturers who continue to fail to do the right thing, these distributors are doing precious little to take responsibility for their actions and help pay for the damage they have caused."

Named in the lawsuit are McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health and its subsidiaries, AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation and Miami-Luken, Inc.

Cardinal Health in a statement said it has been cooperating to "alleviate the public health crisis and save lives" through a multi-state effort led by 40 attorneys general and a multi-jurisdictional effort in Cleveland.

"We are extremely disappointed that Attorney General DeWine chose to go outside of these established processes at this critical moment in time to file this unfounded lawsuit," the company said in a statement.

The company went on to say that it cares deeply about the opioid epidemic and that there must be work toward meaningful solutions.

"This is why we launched our Opioid Action Program which augments our substantial efforts to combat opioid abuse and is providing funds and support for take back efforts, Narcan giveaways for first responders, and grants for communities looking to find holistic solutions to this public health issue throughout Ohio," it said.

"Cardinal Health has made a significant investment in state-of-the-art controls to effectively combat the diversion of pain medications from legitimate uses. We believe this kind of effort and investment, and not baseless litigation, is the way to alleviate this problem."

The lawsuit alleges that the companies fueled the opioid epidemic by distributing enough of the drugs to fill more than 11.8 million prescriptions from 2011 to 2016, amounting to dosages that averaged more than 739 million each year.

The drug epidemic has resulted in annual damages in excess of \$1 billion, the lawsuit alleges. Those costs include medical care; treatment for infants born with opioid-related medical conditions; public safety measures; substance abuse prevention; and welfare and social services for the children of addicted parents.

The lawsuit also alleges that more than 7,000 Ohioans have died due to the opioid crisis.

The companies "have supplied and continue to supply quantities of prescription opioids in and around Ohio without taking proper measures based on their actual or constructive knowledge that individuals were consuming opioids for non-medical purposes," the lawsuit reads.

Among the remedies Mr. DeWine is seeking are punitive and compensatory damages.

This marks the second lawsuit the AG has filed against drug companies over the opioid crisis. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 31, 2017)

Nearly \$29M In State IT Funding Clears Controlling Board

Controlling Board members Monday approved more funding for state information technology projects after raising questions about performance-based contracts and the state's savings from consolidating services.

The requests from the Department of Administrative Services included one worth nearly \$24.8 million for the state's main IT services delivery line item, which has increased over the years due to the consolidation, DAS Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Leymaster told the board.

The other request, for \$4.4 million, dealt specifically with a pair of projects involving nine agencies, she said.

Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) asked if the state's IT contracts have performance clauses for the timing of delivery or for the accountability of functions.

The request Monday didn't deal with specific contracts, just the appropriation changes needed to cover contract costs, Ms. Leymaster said.

"We'd be happy to see if individual contracts have the type of controls that you're asking about," she said.

Ms. Leymaster told Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) that the projects are part of a broader optimization project that has saved the state more than \$160 million since its inception.

The board also approved two significant funding requests from the Development Services Agency to support affordable housing after Sen. Bill Coley (R-Liberty Twp.) asked about cost containment measures and access for people with disabilities.

The requests included \$13.6 million for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to administer the Housing Development Assistance Program, and \$5.5 million for housing assistance programs across the state.

Kelan Craig, director of planning, preservation and development at the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, said the administration has worked to ensure projects are done effectively at low cost.

As for accessibility for people with disabilities, there are specific requirements for projects targeted at seniors and for permanent supportive housing developments, but not for standard affordable housing, he said.

"Let's just watch that and make sure we don't have a problem with that," Sen. Coley said.

A request by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for \$1.1 million to replace the emergency generator at Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare in Athens was approved after Sen. Coley asked about the hospital's involvement in plans to participate in peak demand emergency programs.

Stephen Wilson, legislative liaison for ODMHAS, said the state found it would only save a couple thousand dollars to participate in the utility's peak demand program, while placing strict requirements on hospital staff.

Sen. Coley said the programs can help other facilities, such as industries and schools, when the power goes down.

"Hospitals around the state are finding great benefits to these programs," he said.

In total, the board approved 82 requests for funding.

Other items approved included: (Agenda)

- \$2.9 million - Central State University - for repair and modernization of the Hallie Q. Brown Memorial Library.
- \$11.7 million - Cleveland State University - to contract for an addition project at Fenn Hall.

- \$1.9 million - Cuyahoga Community College - to buy 12.82 acres of real estate in Euclid for the expansion of the Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Academy.
- \$1 million - Adjutant General's Department - for masonry renovation and HVAC work at the Hamilton Readiness Center in Butler County.
- \$4.6 million - DAS - for administration of the Multi-Agency Radio Communication System.
- \$2.3 million - Department of Agriculture - for lab supplies and equipment.
- \$1.1 million - Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services - for emergency generator replacement at Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare in Athens.
- \$1.6 million - Bureau of Motor Vehicles - for federal grants to purchase and install document scanners and update existing computer systems to confirm commercial driver's license applicants provided proof of citizenship or permanent residency.
- \$10.5 million - Facilities Construction Commission - for master facilities plan amendments from Elida Local School District and Bloom-Carroll Local School District.

Adult Charge Stemming From Juvenile Conviction Challenged At High Court

Can a juvenile adjudication be used to satisfy an element of a crime committed as an adult?

Anthony Carnes will argue that it can't in a case the Ohio Supreme Court is set to hear Tuesday.

Mr. Carnes was charged with a third-degree felony offense of weapon-under-disability based on a 1994 juvenile adjudication. He moved to have the charge dismissed, but the trial court denied his motion.

The First District Court of Appeals upheld the trial court's decision. But Mr. Carnes argued that both court erred in their decisions.

"Simply put, juvenile adjudications are not criminal convictions and should not be viewed as such. This conclusion is reinforced by the fact that Ohio's juvenile system uses two different approaches, one mandatory and one discretionary, to transfer its most severe offenders into the adult system, and has a process to include an adult sentence with a juvenile rehabilitation for the next most serious level of offenders," his merit brief reads.

"In line with that approach, this court has prohibited juvenile adjudications from increasing punishment for subsequent adult conduct. Given that framework, it is incongruous for such adjudications to be permitted to turn what would otherwise be lawful conduct into a crime. Thus, a juvenile adjudication should not be deemed to meet an element of an offense charged against an adult."

The Juvenile Law Center and the Buckeye Firearms Association both weighed in on the case on behalf of Mr. Carnes.

"Individuals with Ohio juvenile adjudications do not fit into the long standing prohibition on the possession of firearms by felons because they simply are not felons by definition," the BFA wrote in its amicus brief.

The state, however, argues that a juvenile adjudication cannot be used to enhance a penalty, but it can be used as an element of a crime. The state also contends that if the court were to side with Mr. Carnes it would gut the state's law prohibiting the possession of a weapon under disability.

Under the law, "there are multiple means of being placed under a disability that do not include the right to a jury trial: being a fugitive from justice, being under indictment for a felony offense of violence, being under indictment for a felony drug offense, being drug dependent or in danger of drug dependence, being a chronic alcoholic, and being adjudicated mentally incompetent. Just as is the case with a juvenile adjudication, none of those situations carries a right to a jury trial - state," the state writes.

The Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office has also asked the court to affirm the First District ruling.

"Persons who commit violent felony offenses are considered bad risks who should not be allowed to legally possess a firearm. The fact that a person who commits the violent felony offense as a juvenile does not make that person any less of a bad risk," it wrote in an amicus brief.

"But Ohio's weapons disability law recognizes that people can turn their lives around and become law-abiding citizens after committing a single indiscretion or even after committing a series of crimes decades ago. That person can legally possess a firearm after following the appropriate statutory remedy; but until that time, the person should not be able to possess a firearm under Ohio law."

Three district court judges will be involved in the case because Justice Sharron Kennedy, Justice Patrick Fischer and Justice Patrick DeWine have recused themselves.

Justice DeWine concurred in judgement only with the First District's opinion upholding the trial court's decision to deny the motion to dismiss the charge.

The high court is set to hear two other cases Tuesday, it reported:

- In *Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation v. Cirino*, it will hear a case involving a Bureau of Workers' compensation beneficiary challenging the electronic payment program because he is charged fees by his bank. The state argues the case must be filed in the Court of Claims.
- A Columbus attorney is facing a six-month stayed suspension for failure to keep and maintain required financial records in the case of *Columbus Bar Association v. Keating*.

Ohio Groups Debate Trump's Short-Term Health Plan Proposal

A Trump administration proposal to expand options for short-term health insurance is designed to give consumers more options in the marketplace without the regulatory burden of current plans.

Opponents say it could lead to more limited coverage and raise premiums for people on standard exchange plans.

The proposal by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, announced last week, would allow short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans to provide coverage for up to 12 months, up from the current maximum of three months.

These plans are not required to meet the federal requirements for individual health insurance, such as providing essential health benefits or coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.

"In a market that is experiencing double-digit rate increases, allowing short-term, limited-duration insurance to cover longer periods gives Americans options and could be the difference between someone getting coverage or going without coverage at all," CMS Administrator Seema Verma said in a statement.

In Ohio, the move will provide more competition in the marketplace for health insurance, said Greg Lawson, research fellow at the Buckeye Institute.

"It's not going to be a perfect fit for everybody, but for those individuals that it works for, this could be something that could work for you, and it would be a cheaper alternative than being forced into the exchange," he said in an interview.

Critics say the change will erode coverage for people who sign up for the short-term plans and drive up premiums for those who need the more comprehensive coverage of Affordable Care Act-compliant plans.

"These short-term plans are likely to be harmful in the long run," said Steven Wagner, executive director of UHCAN Ohio. "Since they may lack meaningful coverage, people may find that their health care costs are not covered or face substantial out of pocket costs. These plans are a step in the wrong direction."

A report by the Urban Institute estimated the change would lead to an increase of 2.5 million people without minimum essential health care coverage by 2019, and an increase of 18.2% in 2019 premiums for ACA-compliant nongroup insurance plans.

The changes would allow people to shop around for the coverage they want, Mr. Lawson said. The Buckeye Institute and others have criticized the ACA exchanges for placing burdensome regulations on insurers and raising premiums.

"In general, what this will allow is you can have more barebones type policies that are more affordable," he said. "I don't think this is necessarily the pathway that we would prefer to see on a permanent basis but given the fact that the affordable care act is still the law of the land, this does give some breathing space."

Mr. Wagner said those requirements ensure people have comprehensive insurance coverage. He called the latest change part of an effort to eliminate coverage requirements created under the ACA.

"The Trump Administration is eating away at the foundations of health care coverage like termites in the foundation," he said. "This change along w the ability to alter the essential health benefits weakens people's access to quality affordable health care."

Travel Trailer Maker Tops List Of Tax Credits Issued By State Panel

The Tax Credit Authority on Monday approved incentives for four projects that promise to create a total of 475 jobs and retain another 1,405 positions, the Development Services Agency reported.

The \$2.81 million in tax credits, an estimate that depends on the companies meeting their hiring goals and other criteria, are projected to help trigger \$41 million in investments and result in more than \$24 million in new payroll, according to the state.

Topping the list in terms of impacted jobs and tax credit value is the \$2.325 million incentive for **Airstream, Inc.** in the Village of Jackson Center in Shelby County.

The designer and manufacturer of travel trailers and touring coaches expects to create 280 full-time positions generating \$14.8 million in new payroll while retaining \$57.2 million in payroll with its expansion project. The TCA approved a 1.874%, nine-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the plans.

The other approved projects (estimated tax credit values) are:

Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. of Hilliard (Franklin Co.). The provider of claims, productivity, managed care, risk consulting and other services expects to create 109 full-time positions generating \$4.3 million in new payroll while retaining \$13.4 million in payroll. The expansion plans attracted a tax credit of 1.31% over seven years (\$400,000).

Veeva Systems Inc. of Dublin (Franklin Co.) plans 46 new jobs, \$3.5 million in new payroll and the retention of \$2.1 million in payroll with its expansion. TCA awarded a 1.62%, seven-year tax credit for the project (\$355,000).

Modular Assembly Innovations LLC of Allen Township (Union Co.), which plans 40 new jobs, \$1.4 million in new payroll and the retention of \$7.6 million in payroll. The provider of manufacturing and modular assembly services to the automotive industry was awarded a 1.055%, six-year JCTC (\$90,000).

Kasich Declares Emergency As Flood Risks Continue

Two days after Gov. John Kasich declared a state of emergency in 17 counties, areas of Ohio are continuing to grapple with flooding.

On Saturday, the governor issued his emergency declaration in the face of flooding - particularly along the Ohio River, which was expected to crest Monday.

Although rains have stopped, flood waters linger in some areas, closing roads and posing ongoing safety risks. The National Weather Service has said flood warnings are expected to persist for several more days in the central U.S. as "numerous river systems will remain in flood stage this week."

"As the weather and flooding is expected to get worse we're staying ahead of things by taking our readiness up to the next level and declaring an emergency where we expect the worst conditions," Gov. Kasich said over the weekend. "We'll quickly add to those areas as it's needed."

Counties affected by the proclamation include: Adams, Athens, Belmont, Brown, Clermont, Columbiana, Gallia, Hamilton, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Monroe, Meigs, Muskingum, Scioto and Washington.

The state's Emergency Operations Center had been preparing for this round of flooding since at least Feb. 18. That's the day the Ohio EMA Watch Office began providing regular awareness reports multiple times a day to state, local and federal agencies.

In recent days meals have been provided to the elderly by the Department of Aging, emergency management liaisons have been dispatched to assist county-level operations centers, and swift water rescue teams have been positioned.

"Ohioans do a good job of looking out for each other and we're doing it again now also," Gov. Kasich said. "Teams at the local level are hard at work and state teams have been coordinating with them and supporting them over the past week."

Following the Kasich order, the EMA transitioned from assessment and monitoring to partial activation and the state's Joint Information Center was opened. That followed Ohio National Guard deployments to help install flood gates and a flood wall in Scioto County.

In recent days, state entities have assisted in providing sand bags and a water pump to communities in Lawrence County. A major rockslide on Monday closed a portion of a highway in that county, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation. State geologists were on the scene.

"I urge people to stay safe by staying informed, not taking any chances and checking in on your neighbors, especially seniors and families with young kids," the governor said. "Call your local city, county or Red Cross if there's anyone who needs help. We'll get through this as we always do, by working together."

At the same time, Attorney General Mike DeWine has issued several tips to steer residents away from flood-related scams that may arise.

"As people across Ohio assess the damage and start the clean-up process, we're reminding consumers to beware of scams," Mr. DeWine said. "Some con artists travel to affected communities to take advantage of people. They offer to help, but once they get your money, they're gone. After the flooding, we also could start to see flood-damaged vehicles entering the market. We just warn people to be careful."

Cyberattack Temporarily Shuts Down State Websites, Phones

The Department of Administrative Services is making modifications after a cyberattack blocked state websites and phone systems for multiple hours Sunday evening.

DAS spokesman Tom Hoyt said the attack was launched shortly after 5:30 p.m. Sunday and "was addressed quickly and remediated at approximately 9:50 p.m."

"It was not a breach - no personal information was compromised," Mr. Hoyt said.

Several accounts seemingly affiliated with the so-called "hacktivist" group Anonymous appear to be taking credit for the attack on social media. Anonymous-linked users posted screenshots showing error pages that appeared when trying to access state websites.

The attack was a denial-of-service attack, which is a concerted effort in which users bombard a targeted system with requests, thereby overloading and disabling it for legitimate users.

"The attack itself was educational in the sense that we now know how this type of attack is done and we can put in filters and prepare to help us be ready if it happens again," Mr. Hoyt said. This is the first time DAS has grappled with this specific method of a denial-of-service attack.

"These types of attacks can be done in different ways so we're aware of them and prepare for them," Mr. Hoyt said. "This was conducted in a different way, but once you go through that, you learn how it's done and we can prepare for the next time."

It's not the first time the state has been faced with a cyberattack.

Nearly a dozen state websites were impacted last year after hackers posted pro-ISIS messages on state homepages. That "internet graffiti-style" attack, however, was believed to be surface-level in nature with hackers not accessing the state's servers. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 26, 2017)

Environmental Group Calls For Setback, Chemical Reporting Changes Following Well Fire

The Ohio Environmental Council is pointing to a Feb. 15 explosion and fire at a Belmont County oil well as new evidence pointing to the need for increased well setbacks.

But a leading oil and gas group is accusing the council of seeking to block industry development with its latest call for new legislation.

A horizontal well operated by XTO caught fire earlier this month, causing explosions and leading to the evacuation of residents within a one mile perimeter as the well continued to leak methane and other gasses.

XTO has said it has contracted with various companies to monitor the area and oversee cleanup operations. It has also paid to house 100 households who were displaced. Those residing beyond a half mile from the site have since been moved back into their homes.

The OEC said the incident is a "wake up call" demonstrating a need to strengthen Ohio's current law requiring horizontal wells to be located at least 100 feet from rural homes.

"What this incident demonstrates is that Ohio's current setback laws for horizontal oil and gas wells are clearly insufficient and do very little to protect communities from this new wave of oil and gas development," said Melanie Houston, director of climate programs at the Ohio Environmental Council. "Given the frequency of horizontal well pad incidents in Ohio over the past five years, it is past time for Ohio lawmakers to reconsider a safer setback distance."

The group said the incident also shows the need to examine laws requiring well operators to disclose hazardous chemicals to emergency responders. That debate was a point of contention during budget talks last year. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 14, 2017)

"State lawmakers also must close the chemical reporting loophole in Ohio law to make sure that first responders such as those responding to last week's incident can get the full accounting of chemical identities during oil and gas emergencies," Ms. Houston said.

The Ohio Oil and Gas Association, however, said 2012 legislation in that arena "created one of the most stringent regulatory programs for chemical disclosure in the nation."